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PREFACE.

THE Lectures printed in this volume were composed and delivered for the instruction of students in the University of Cambridge, and with special reference to the Examination for the Semitic Languages Tripos.

It appears from the *Cambridge University Reporter* that Professor Wright began "a short course of elementary lectures" on the Comparative Grammar of Hebrew, Syriac and Arabic in the Easter Term of 1877, and he continued to lecture on the subject at intervals till he was withdrawn from work by his last illness. The manuscript from which this volume is printed represents the form which the Lectures ultimately assumed, after they had passed through repeated and sedulous revision. They were never redelivered without being retouched, and in parts rewritten; and the whole manuscript, except a few pages at the end, was so carefully prepared as to be practically ready to go to press. It was Professor Wright's intention that the lectures should one day be printed, and during his last illness he often spoke of this intention in such a way as to make it clear that he meant to publish them without any substantial modification or addition. It was not his design to produce a complete system of the Comparative Grammar of the

Semitic Languages or to give a complete account of all recent researches and discussions, but to do through the press for a wider circle of students what he had done by the oral delivery of the lectures for his Cambridge pupils.

Under these circumstances the task of editing the book for publication has been very simple. I have divided the text into chapters, for the convenience of the reader, but have printed it for the most part word for word as it stood in the manuscript. In a very few places I have removed repetitions or other slight inconcinnities of form, but in such cases I have been careful to introduce nothing of my own, and to limit myself to what would certainly have been done by the author's own hand if he had lived to see the book through the press. Occasionally I have thought it necessary to add a few words [within square brackets] to complete a reference or preclude a possible misconception, and I have also added a few notes where the statements in the text seemed to call for supplement or modification in view of facts or arguments which had not yet come under the writer's notice when the lectures were last revised. So long as his health allowed, Professor Wright closely followed all that was done in Semitic learning, and incorporated with his manuscript, from time to time, references to everything that he deemed important for the practical object of the lectures. But it was no part of his plan to give a complete view of the literature of the subject; as a rule he only referred to essays which he wished to encourage his hearers to read in connexion with the lectures. Bearing this in mind, I have been very sparing in the introduction of additional references

to books and papers ; but, on the other hand, I have borne in mind that every written lecture must occasionally be supplemented in delivery by unwritten remarks or explanations, and a few of the notes may be regarded as taking the place of such remarks. I have, for example, occasionally thought it necessary to warn the reader that certain words cited in the text are loan-words. In all questions of phonetics this is a point of importance, and I am informed by those who heard the lectures that Professor Wright was careful to distinguish loan-words as such in his teaching, in cases where the fact is not noted in his manuscript. A considerable number of the notes are due to the suggestion of the author's old and intimate friend Professor Nöldeke, of Strassburg, who has kindly read the lectures in proof, and the notes signed N. or Nöld. are directly taken from his observations. Some of these, which were not communicated to me till the book was in page, have been necessarily placed among the *Additional Notes and Corrections*, to which I desire to call the special attention of the reader.

It will be observed that the Lectures do not embrace any systematic discussion or classification of the forms of nouns in the Semitic languages ; nor can I find any indication that the author intended to add a section on this important and difficult subject. He seems to have regarded it as lying beyond the region that could be conveniently covered in a course of lectures to undergraduates ; and he did not live to read the recent works of his old and valued friend Professor de Lagarde (*Uebersicht über die im Aramäischen, Arabischen und Hebräischen übliche Bildung der Nomina*, Göttingen 1889 : *Abh. der k. G. d. W.*, Bd. xxxv), and of Professor

Barth (*Die Nominalbildung in den Sem. Sprachen*, 1ste Hälfte, i., Leipzig 1889). On the other hand he doubtless intended to complete the subject of verbal inflexion, and I have therefore thought it right to make a few additions to the rough sketch of the derived forms of verbs whose third radical is ʎ or ʞ, with which the manuscript ended, and also to supply, by way of appendix, a short section on verbs one of whose radicals is an ʀ. Here also I have derived great advantage from Prof. Nöldeke's suggestions.

The printing of the volume, necessarily slow from the nature of the work, has been still further retarded by a prolonged illness, which fell upon me after the early sheets were printed off, and which would have caused still more delay had not Mr A. Ashley Bevan, of Trinity College, kindly undertaken to read the proofs during my enforced absence from Cambridge. I have to thank Mr Bevan not only for this service but for suggesting several useful notes.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. THE TERM SEMITIC. DIFFUSION AND ORIGINAL HOME OF THE SEMITES.

IN commencing a course of Lectures on the Comparative Grammar of the Semitic Languages, I feel it almost unnecessary to begin with an apology for my subject. The results which may be attained by the comparative treatment of an entire class, or even of a single group of languages, have been patent to all, since the time when men like Bopp, Pott and Schleicher, have investigated the connexion of the Indo-European languages; Jacob Grimm that of the Teutonic; and Diez that of the Romance. What has been done in these fields may yet be accomplished in another; and every attempt to illustrate the history and grammar of the Hebrew language in particular ought to be welcome to its students, even though the results should fail to be in exact conformity with preconceived notions and ancient prejudices.

To myself it is a matter of more importance to apologise for the meagreness of the outline which is all that I can pretend to offer. I have no great discoveries to announce, no new laws to enunciate. The field of our investigations is limited. Instead of ranging from the farthest limits of Hindūstān to the coasts of Ireland, and from the shores of Iceland to the isles of Greece, we are confined, I may say, to a small portion of Western Asia. Our position is that of the Teutonic or Romance philologist rather than that of the Indo-European. The languages with which we have to deal form a small group, which are as intimately connected with one another as old Norse, Gothic, old High German and old English, on the one hand; or as Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Provençal, French and Wallachian, on the

other. And not only this, but I propose to confine myself chiefly to three of these languages—Hebrew, Syriac and Arabic; and to consider these as they appear to us in the ancient forms of their literary monuments, and not, save incidentally, in the modern aspects of their spoken dialects.

You probably infer, then, that our path is a smooth one; that there is not much to investigate; not much room for inquiry or speculation. And yet this is far from being the case. On the contrary, it is surprising how relatively little progress the comparative philology of the Semitic languages has yet made; partly owing to the inherent difficulties of the subject, and partly to the imperfection of our knowledge on many preliminary points of importance.

A hundred years ago the Sanskrit language was barely known to Europeans by name; so recently as 1816 appeared Bopp's *Conjugations-System*, the first work of the great master and founder of the science of Comparative Grammar. And behold, the mustard seed has already grown into a great tree, and has yielded an ample and goodly crop of fruit.

Beside the results of Indo-European philology, those as yet attained by Semitic grammarians seem scant and dwarfish. Since the days of Reuchlin, who died in 1522, we Europeans have been engaged in the study of Hebrew and its sister-languages. The Dutchman De Dieu and the Swiss Hottinger, our own Edmund Castle and the Germans Buxtorf and Ludolf, Alting of Groningen and Danz of Jena, were among those who laid the foundations of our science; and they found worthy successors in the three great Dutch linguists, Schultens, Schroeder and Scheid. But yet the labours of these scholars were not far in advance of those of the classical philologists of their day, who speculated upon the obvious affinities of Latin and Greek, and their connexion with other languages, without being able to arrive at any satisfactory results; simply for want of the proper key wherewith to unlock this linguistic treasury. It was reserved for the men of our own day to take a decided step in advance. Thanks to the studies of a Gesenius and an Ewald, a Roediger and an Olshausen, a Dillmann and a Noeldeke, the Comparative Grammar of the Semitic languages is at last beginning to assume the proportions of a science; and we may therefore hope, before

many years are past, to see the results of their labours embodied in a work which shall not be inferior in fulness and accuracy, I will not say to those of Bopp and Schleicher, but rather to those of Grimm, of Diez, and of Curtius.

You understand, then, that there exists as yet no work which I can recommend to you as a complete text-book of Semitic Comparative Grammar; no treatise which we can confidently follow as a guide from the beginning of our course to its end. The French Orientalist Renan proposed to himself to write such a work; but he has not yet advanced beyond the introduction, the *Histoire Générale des Langues Sémitiques* [8vo, Paris, 1st ed. 1855]. The second part, the *Système Comparé*, has remained, and is now, I fear, likely to remain, a desideratum. Differing as I do from Renan, not merely in small details, but also in various matters of principle, I can still admire the industry and scholarship which are manifest in every page of the *Histoire Générale*; the justice of many of its views, and the clearness of its style and arrangement; and I therefore advise those of you who have not yet read it, to do so without delay, as a good introduction to the studies to which I now invite your attention¹. In connexion with our special course I would recommend to you more particularly the Hebrew Grammar of Justus Olshausen, *Lehrbuch der Hebräischen Sprache* (Brunswick, 1861); that of B. Stade, *Lehrbuch der Hebräischen Grammatik*, 1ter Theil (Leipzig, 1879); and Bickell's *Grundriss der Hebräischen Grammatik* (Leipzig, 1869, 70), of which an English translation by Curtiss appeared at Leipzig in 1877 under the title of *Outlines of Hebrew Grammar*. To this little book I shall sometimes have occasion to refer, as I prefer it to Land's *Hebræusche Grammatica* (Amsterdam, 1869), of which there is also an English translation by Reginald Lane Poole, *Principles of Hebrew Grammar* (London, 1876). I would also mention with commendation the latest or 22nd edition of Gesenius' *Hebräische Grammatik*, by Professor Kautzsch of Tübingen, as furnishing some useful hints; [24th ed. Leipzig, 1885].

The term *Semitic* is, as has been often observed, more convenient than scientific. It is not, however, easy to invent a

¹ [See also Nöldeke's article "Semitic Languages" in the ninth ed. of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, vol. xxi. (Edin. 1886).]

better; and it is, at any rate, no worse than "Hamitic," and much superior to "Japhetic" or "Turanian." The word is derived, as you are aware, from the tenth chapter of the Book of Genesis, in which the nations of the world, so far as known to the Jews, are divided into three sections, not, as it would seem, ethnographically, nor even geographically, but with reference to political history and civilisation¹. Thus alone can we satisfactorily explain the mention of the Phoenicians and other Canaanites among the children of Ham. That the languages of Canaan were akin to the Hebrew, almost to identity, is certain; that their connexion with ancient Egyptian was a very remote one, is equally certain—many philologists would deny it altogether; but that Canaan and the Phoenicians were long subject to Egypt, and that they derived a great part of their civilisation from the Egyptians, are historical facts which do not admit of dispute.

The Semitic races occupy but a small portion of the earth's surface. They are known to us historically as the inhabitants of the south-western corner of Asia. Their territory is bounded on the north by Mount Taurus and the mountains of Armenia; on the east, by the mountains of Kurdistān and Khūzistān, and the Persian Gulf; on the south, by the Indian Ocean; and on the west, by the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. Early colonisation led them across the strait of Bāb el-Mandeb into the country which we call Abyssinia; and they also occupied, at an extremely remote period, various points on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and even of the Atlantic Ocean, the trading ports of the energetic Phoenician race.

If you ask me whether the Semites were autochthones,—whether they were the original, primitive inhabitants of the Asiatic region above described,—I must beg of you to formulate the question differently.

It seems certain, on the evidence of ancient monuments, that the great basin of the Tigris and Euphrates was originally occupied by a non-Semitic people or peoples, of no mean civilisation, the inventors of the cuneiform system of writing. Hebrew tradition, as contained in the Old Testament, mentions

¹ See Tiele, *Vergelijkende Geschiedenis van de Egyptische en Mesopotamische Godsdiensten* [8vo, Amsterdam, 1872], p. 20.

various gigantic tribes as the primitive inhabitants of Palestine (הַנּוֹלָדִים בְּאֶרֶץ, 1 Chron. vii. 21), such as the Emīm, הַיֵּמִים, Nēphlīm, הַנְּפִלִים, Rēphā'im, הַרְפָּאִים, 'Anākīm, הָעֲנָקִים, Zūzīm, הַזּוּזִים, and Zamzummīm, הַזַּמְזוּמִּים; the Hōrīm or Troglo-dytes, הַחֹרִים, and others; some of whom at least were probably non-Semitic.

It appears then that in certain parts of their territory the Semites were not autochthones, but a foreign conquering race. Was this the case with the whole Semitic region? Does the cradle of the Semites lie within the boundaries designated above, or outside of them? That is the shape which your question should take.

Here, on the very threshold of our inquiries, the opinions of the best modern authorities diverge widely, some maintaining (as I myself was formerly inclined to do) that the Semites were ancient immigrants from the North East; others that their home was in the South, whence they gradually overspread the whole of Syria and Mesopotamia by successive migrations in a northerly direction. In recent times the former view has been upheld, to mention only a very few names, by von Kremer, Guidi, and Hommel; the latter by Sayce, Sprenger, Schrader, and De Goeje.

It was in 1875 that von Kremer published in a German periodical called *Das Ausland* (nos. 1 and 2) two articles on "Semitische Culturentlehnungen aus dem Pflanzen- und Thierreiche," i.e. on plants and animals which the Semites obtained, with their names, from other races. His conclusions, so far as they interest us at the present moment, are briefly these. Before the formation of the different Semitic dialects, they had a name for the camel, which appears in all of them; whereas they have no names in common for the date-palm and its fruit, or for the ostrich. The one the Semites knew while they were as yet one people, dwelling together; the others they did not know. Now the region where there is neither date-palm nor ostrich, and yet where the camel has been known from the remotest antiquity, is the great central tableland of Asia, near the sources of the Oxus and Jaxartes, the Jaiḥūn and Saiḥūn. Von Kremer regards the

Semitic emigration from this region as having preceded the Aryan or Indo-European, perhaps under pressure from the latter race; and he holds that the Semites first settled in Mesopotamia and Babylonia, which he looks upon as the oldest centre of Semitic civilisation. "In der babylonisch-mesopotamischen Niederung, wo die Semiten sich angesammelt hatten, entstand das erste und älteste semitische Culturcentrum."

In 1879 the Italian orientalist Ignazio Guidi wrote a memoir upon the primitive seat of the Semitic peoples, "Della sede primitiva dei popoli Semitici," which appeared among the publications of the Reale Accademia dei Lincei. His line of argument is much the same as von Kremer's (whose articles appear to have been unknown to him). Comparing the words in the various Semitic languages which express the configurations of the earth's surface, the varieties of soil, the changes of the seasons and climate, the names of minerals, plants and animals, etc., Guidi arrives at nearly the same conclusions as von Kremer, viz. (1) that Babylonia was the first centre of Semitic life, "siamo sempre riportati alla Babilonide come centro degli antichissimi Semiti (p. 48)"; and (2) that these primitive Semites were immigrants from the lands to the S. and S.W. of the Caspian Sea, which he regards as "probabile punto di partenza degli antenati dei Semiti (p. 51)."

In the same year, 1879, Hommel wrote a paper on this subject, which I do not possess in its original shape. His conclusion, however, is nearly identical with that of von Kremer and Guidi, that lower Mesopotamia, and not Arabia, was the original seat of the Semites. You will find his views stated briefly, with some slight polemic against von Kremer, in his book *Die Namen der Säugethiere bei den Südsemitischen Völkern* [Leipzig, 1879], p. 406 sqq. Consult also his later work, *Die Semitischen Völker u. Sprachen*, 1883, especially p. 63.

Assuming for the moment the correctness of this view,—taking it for granted that the Semites first settled as one race in Mesopotamia and Babylonia,—how are we to depict to ourselves their dispersion over the territory which they subsequently occupied? Somewhat as follows:—

Having forced their way through the mountainous region of Kurdistān, and reached the Tigris, the Semites would cross it

and settle in the country between the Tigris and Euphrates. Thence they would gradually make their way southwards by two different lines, through what we call Syria and Babylonia. The one branch would extend its wanderings as far as Canaan; the other to the head of the Persian Gulf, where in process of time they would cast off a fresh swarm, which occupied Arabia and then crossed over into Africa. All this of course is supposed to happen in pre-historic times; as Guidi says, "tale parmi che possa essere stato il movimento preistorico di questi popoli."

Let us now consider the opposite view, which I am at present strongly inclined to adopt.

The plainest statement of it in English is that of Sayce in his *Assyrian Grammar* (1872), p. 13: "The Semitic traditions all point to Arabia as the original home of the race. It is the only part of the world which has remained exclusively Semite. The racial characteristics—intensity of faith, ferocity, exclusiveness, imagination—can best be explained by a desert origin."

Similarly Sprenger in his *Alte Geogr. Arabiens* (Bern, 1875), p. 293: "All Semites are according to my conviction successive layers of Arabs. They deposited themselves layer upon layer; and who knows, for example, how many layers had preceded the Canaanites, whom we encounter at the very beginning of history?" "Alle Semiten sind nach meiner Ueberzeugung abgelagerte Araber. Sie lagerten sich Schichte auf Schichte, und wer weiss, die wie viele Schichte zum Beispiel die Kanaaniter, welche wir zu Anfang der Geschichte wahrnehmen, waren'?"

Schrader expresses views of the same nature in an article in the *ZDMG.* for 1873, vol. xxvii. pp. 397—424. After a long discussion of the religious, linguistic and historico-geographical relations of the different Semitic nations to one another, he arrives at the conclusion that Arabia is the home of these races: "Die Erwägung der religiös-mythologischen, weiter der linguistischen, nicht minder der allgemein geschichtlich-geographischen Verhältnisse, weist uns nach Arabien als den Ursitz des Semitismus" (p. 421).

Lastly, De Goeje in his academical address for 1882, *Het Vaderland der Semietische Volken*, has distinctly declared himself

¹ [The same view is already expressed and defended in Sprenger's *Leben und Lehre des Mohammad*, Bd. i. (Berlin, 1869), p. 241 sq.]

in favour of the view that Central Arabia is the home of the Semitic race as a whole. Laying it down as a rule without exception that mountaineers never become inhabitants of the steppe and nomade shepherds, De Goeje rejects the notion that the Semites can have descended from the mountains of the Arrapachitis to become dwellers in the plains and swamps of Babylonia. On the other hand he shews how nomades are continually passing over into agriculturists with settled habitations; how villages and towns are gradually formed, with cultivated lands around them; and how the space needful for the pasturing nomade is thus gradually curtailed until the land becomes too narrow for him and he is forced to seek a home elsewhere. So it fared with Central Arabia. The result was that the nomade population was incessantly overstepping its bounds in every direction, and planting itself in Syria, Babylonia, 'Omān, or Yaman. Successive layers of emigrants would drive their predecessors in Syria and Babylonia farther northwards towards the borders of Kurdistān and Armenia, and thus the whole of Mesopotamia would be gradually semitised, and even portions of Africa would in course of time more or less completely share the same fate. This process, I may remark, has often been repeated in more recent, historical times, in which the Arab migration has overflowed the whole of Syria and Mesopotamia. In the earliest centuries of the Christian era, the wealthy city of Palmyra was ruled, I may say, by a company of Arab merchants. Three petty kingdoms, those of Ghassān, of the Tha'labites, and of al-Ḥirah, divided between them the southern part of the Syrian steppe; and in the struggles between the Byzantine and Persian empires the Arabs of Mesopotamia had always to be reckoned with, and yielded a reluctant obedience to the one side or the other. De Goeje also lays stress upon the fine climate of Central Arabia and the splendid physical and mental development of the race; and, like Schrader, compares their language with those of the other Semites in the earliest stage at which we know them, drawing the inference that the speech of the Arabs is the nearest approximation that we can have to the primitive Semitic tongue. "En dat van alle Semietische talen het Arabisch het naast staat aan de moedertaal, waaruit zij gesproten zijn, is overtuigend bewezen door hoogleeraar Schrader te Berlijn (p. 16)."

This view is of course diametrically opposed to that of Sayce, who claims for the Assyrian "the same position among the Semitic tongues that is held by Sanskrit in the Aryan family of speech." Which of these scholars is in the right we shall be better able to judge by and by. Meanwhile I will only say that I range myself on the Arabic side with Schrader and De Goeje.

Accepting this view of the cradle of the Semites,—assuming that they spread from Arabia as their centre,—how shall we depict to ourselves their dispersion over the Semitic territory? Let Schrader speak. He imagines the northern Semites—i.e., the Arameans, Babylonians and Canaanites—to have parted in a body from their brethren in the south, and to have settled in Babylonia, where they lived together for a long period. The Arameans would be the first to separate from the main body of emigrants; at a considerably later period the Canaanites; last of all the Assyrians. At the same time an emigration would be going on in a southerly direction. Leaving the northern Arabs in Central Arabia, these emigrants would settle on the southern coast of the peninsula, whence a band of them subsequently crossed the sea into Africa and pitched in Abyssinia¹.

¹ [On all these theories of the cradle of the Semitic race see also Nöldeke's remarks in *Enc. Brit.* xxi. 642. He himself suggests, "not as a definite theory but as a modest hypothesis," that the primitive seat of the Semites is to be sought in Africa, though he regards the Arabian theory as "not untenable." It may be observed that, if the Semites originally came from Africa, Arabia may yet be the centre from which they spread over other parts of Asia.]

CHAPTER II.

GENERAL SURVEY OF THE SEMITIC LANGUAGES.

I NOW proceed to give you a more detailed account of the several languages, or groups of languages, which constitute the Semitic family. I divide them broadly into the *northern* Semites and the *southern* Semites. By the former I understand the Arameans, the Canaanites and Hebrews, the Babylonians and Assyrians; by the latter, the northern Arabs, the southern Arabs or Himyarites, and the Ge'ez or Abyssinians. In the course of my description it may, perhaps, be better to follow a geographical than a historical arrangement; for this reason, that linguistic and political history are very different things; that one nation may have played its part in the world's history, and have disappeared from the stage, long before a kindred people has come prominently into notice; and yet, from a linguistic point of view, the language of the latter may exhibit their common speech in a more antique phase, and may prove in the hands of the comparative philologist a more efficient implement than that of the former. An example of what I mean is afforded us by the Icelandic, which among all the existing Teutonic dialects has retained the greatest number of original forms with the least alteration. Another and still better instance is the Lithuanian language. It is spoken by only a couple of millions of people (at most) on the borders of Prussia and Russia; its earliest written literary document dates from the middle of the sixteenth century; and yet it has preserved many of the forms of Indo-European speech in a less corrupted condition than any of its European congeners, aye, than any dialect of the entire family which is not at least two thousand years older.

The causes which produce results such as these are, probably, manifold; but some of them at any rate are, as it seems to me,

sufficiently clear. Language is after all, as Whitney has remarked, the work of tradition ; we speak as we were taught by our fathers and mothers, who were in their turn trained by a preceding generation. This process of transmission is always, and necessarily, more or less imperfect. Hence language is always undergoing a process of modification, partaking of the nature both of decay and of growth. The less imperfect the transmission, the slighter will the modification obviously be. Now two circumstances above all others are favourable to the continuity and completeness of linguistic tradition: isolation is the one ; the possession of a literature is the other. If a race, speaking a single language, occupies a circumscribed territory, so long as that race is confined within those narrow limits, and thrown but little into contact with surrounding races, the forces which produce linguistic decay and growth are, if not entirely repressed, at least limited in their operation. Dialectic differences will probably arise, but they will be comparatively few and trifling. On the other hand, if the said race extends its territory largely, by conquest or colonisation, and is thrown into constant contact or collision with other races, the decay and growth of its speech proceeds with greatly accelerated rapidity ; and the language runs no small risk of being ultimately broken up into several languages, the speakers of which are no longer mutually intelligible. Here the possession of a literature steps in as a counteracting force, exercising a strong conservative influence. English, as is well known, has changed less since Shakespear's time than it did in the interval between him and Chaucer ; and certainly much less since Chaucer's age than it did during the five preceding centuries. So too with Arabic. As long as the Arabs were confined within the limits of their peninsula, the variations of their speech were but small. We know indeed of dialectic differences, but they are neither numerous nor important. The words and names handed down to us from antiquity as Arabic,—whether in the cuneiform inscriptions, the Bible, or the writers of Greece and Rome,—are easily recognisable as such, unless when they have undergone corruption in the course of transmission. Since Muḥammad's time, however, the changes have been more rapid and numerous ; and by this time the natives of Syria, Egypt, and Morocco, would perhaps have

been scarcely intelligible to one another, had it not been for the link of a common literature, commencing with the ancient poets and the *Ḳor'ān*. The existence of this link has greatly retarded the processes of growth and decay; and hence it happens that the Arabic of the present day is a far closer representative of the language as spoken, say, two thousand years ago, than modern Italian and French are of the Latin of the same period.

We commence, then, our survey of the Semitic tongues with the *Northern* section, and herein with the *Eastern* group, which, as it happens, is the first to appear prominently in the field of history. This group comprises two very closely allied languages, the Babylonian and Assyrian, which have been preserved to us in numerous inscriptions, written in cuneiform or wedge-shaped characters. The earliest of these inscriptions go back beyond the time of the Babylonian king *Ḥammurabi*, who cannot, according to the best authorities, have flourished later than circa 1500 B.C.; and the latest come down to the beginning of the fourth century B.C., when the Persian monarch *Artaxerxes Mnemon* reigned¹. They are all written, unfortunately for us, in a non-Semitic character, primitively hieroglyphic, and of peculiar complexity, one of the varieties of the cuneiform type. Into a full description of these, and the history of their decipherment, so far as it has till now been accomplished, I cannot here enter. The Assyrian character, as I shall call it for shortness' sake, is not alphabetical, but syllabary. Such syllables as *ka, ki, ku, ak, ik, uk*, are each expressed by a single sign, as well as syllables of the form *kam, kim, sak, sik*. These latter compound syllables may, however, be also denoted by two signs, the one indicating a syllable which ends with a certain vowel, and the other a syllable which begins with the same vowel; e.g. *ka-am, si-ik*. Under these circumstances alone, the learning to read Assyrian texts with fluency would be no light task; but the difficulty is enormously enhanced by the fact that a great number of the signs employed in writing are not syllables but ideograms; not phonetic signs, but characters denoting an object or idea. Some of these ideograms have no phonetic value whatever; whilst others are both ideographic and have a phonetic

¹ [The Br. Mus. has an inscr. of Antiochus I., Soter, of the year 269 B.C.]

value as well. For instance \rightarrow as a syllable sounds *an*, but as an ideogram it means "God," *ilu*, which is otherwise written phonetically with two signs, *i-lu*. One class of ideograms are mere determinatives, their object being solely to indicate the nature of the following group of signs; e.g. \rightarrow before every name of a man, \rightarrow before most names of countries, etc.

How much perplexity is caused by the intermixture of these ideograms with the phonetic signs you can easily conceive; and that the Assyrians themselves found a difficulty herein is obvious from their use of what is called "the phonetic complement." This consists in the addition to an ideogram of one or two phonetic signs, indicating the termination of the word denoted by the ideogram. For example, a certain combination of wedges sounds KI; but as an ideogram it means "the earth." Consequently the phonetic complement *tiv* is added to it, to lead the reader to the correct pronunciation, which is not *ki-tiv*, but *ir-si-tiv* (\rightarrow). Two ideograms, the phonetic values of which are SU-AS, mean "I burned." Now in Assyrian the idea of "burning" is expressed by *sarap*, *isrup* (\rightarrow), or *kavā*, *ikvā* (\rightarrow). Consequently, when the 1st pers. sing. imperf. of the former verb is intended, the syllable *up* is added to the ideograms SU-AS, and the whole word, though written SU.AS.*up*, is pronounced *asrup*. We do something of this kind ourselves, but on a very limited scale, when we write LSD, and read "pounds, shillings and pence"; or write & and *i.e.* and *viz.*, and pronounce "and" and "that is" and "namely." The Persians made more use of the same procedure in writing the Pahlavi character. Using a strange jumble of Semitic and Persian, they wrote *lhmā* and *bsrā* [i.e. the Aramaic *lahmā*, "bread"; *besrā*, "flesh"], but spoke *nān* and *gōshē*; they wrote *ab* and read *pī* ["father"], but *abit* did duty for [the synonym] *pitar*.

To return to the Assyrian. A yet greater difficulty lies ahead of the decipherer than any of those already mentioned; for it seems to have been established that some at least both of the syllabic signs and of the ideograms are polyphonic, that is, have several different sounds and significations.

For further details and explanations I must refer you to the works of Ménant, Smith, Oppert, Sayce and Schrader, espe-

cially the treatise of the last-named scholar in the *ZDMG.*, vol. xxvi. pp. 1—392; Sayce, *An Assyrian Grammar for comparative purposes*, 1872; *An Elementary Grammar of the Assyrian Language*, in "Archaic Classics," 1875 (2nd ed. 1877)¹. The researches of these and other writers, such as Rawlinson, Hincks and Norris, not to mention younger scholars, such as Delitzsch, Haupt and Hommel, have rendered it clear that the language of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires, as handed down to us in this particular variety of cuneiform writing, was a member of the North Semitic group, closely connected with Phœnician and Hebrew, and only in a somewhat less degree with Aramaic.

As I shall not often refer hereafter to the Assyrian tongue, I may take this opportunity of stating that, in regard to its vowels, the Assyrian seems to have preserved more than the Hebrew of that ancient simplicity which is so conspicuous in the Arabic. It appears to possess only the three radical vowel sounds *a, i, u*, a fact which need not surprise us, if we look to the written vocalisation of the Arabic and to the analogy of Sanskrit in the Indo-European family². In respect to its consonants, however, the Assyrian approaches more nearly to the lower level of the Phœnician and Hebrew, as contrasted with the higher level of the Arabic. This is especially obvious in regard to the sibilants, as "three," *šalašti*, שַׁלְשִׁי, نَلَاث; "manly," *zikaru*, זִכָּר, זִכְר.

Some salient and distinctive features in its grammar we may have occasion to notice from time to time; and I therefore only remark in conclusion that this eastern branch of the North Semitic languages has left no modern representative whatever.

Proceeding northward and westward, we meet with the great *Aramean* or *central* group of the North Semitic dialects.

The Bible has made you familiar with the name of *Arām* (written אֲרָם, constr. אֲרָם, for which we should rather have expected אֲרָם, agreeably to the analogy of דְּבַר, דְּבָר). It speaks of אֲרָם צוֹנָה or "the Aram of Damascus," אֲרָם צוֹנָה,

¹ [See also Lyon, *Assyrian Manual* (Chicago, 1886); Delitzsch, *Assyr. Gr.* (Berlin, 1889).]

² [But Haupt (*Amer. Journ. of Philol.* viii. (1887), p. 265 sqq.) and Delitzsch maintain the existence of *e* in Assyrian.]

אַרַם מְעַכָּה, etc., all places situated in Syria. אַרַם נְהָרַיִם, "Aram of the two rivers," is usually supposed to mean *Mesopotamia*, but it is possible that the two rivers were not the Euphrates and Tigris, but the Euphrates and its chief affluent the Chabōras or Khābūr, which would limit the designation to the western half of what is generally understood by Mesopotamia. A part of this territory bore the name of אַרַם פְּרָן, which we may probably identify with the village of פְּרָן, called by the Arab geographers فَدَّان [Faddān], near Ḥarrān. *Arām* seems, therefore, not to be a geographical or political designation, but the ancient name of the race, which they brought with them in their wanderings from the banks of the lower Tigris, the district known in the time of the Sāsānians, and even later, as بֵּית אֲרָמַיָּה [Beth Armāyē], or "the home of the Arameans." Now the Jews, as is well known, employed the word אֲרָמִי (אַרְמִי) in the sense of "gentile," "heathen"; and under the influence of their usage, it was retained by the Syrian translators of the New Testament to express Ἕλληνες, ἔθνικοι, and similar words. But a term which was used in the Bible to designate "heathens" could no longer be borne by a Christian people. Hence the old name was modified into אֲרָמַיָּה [Ārāmāyā]; but even this was gradually discarded and replaced by another, the Greek designation of "Syrians." This is merely an abbreviation of "Assyrians." At first the Greeks called all the subjects of the Assyrian empire Ἀσσύριοι, or more usually by the shorter form Σύριοι or Σύροι. Subsequently, as they became better acquainted with these regions, they used the fuller form Ἀσσυρία to designate the lands on the banks of the Tigris, whilst the shorter form Συρία served as the name of the western lands; and at last this term was adopted by the Arameans themselves, who as Christians applied to themselves the term سُرْيَايَا [Suryāyē]. See Noeldeke in *Hermes* for 1871, p. 443, and in *ZDMG.* xxv. 113.

From its northern settlements the Aramean race gradually extended itself over the whole of Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia; and its language is consequently known to us in various forms, attaining their literary development at different periods.

Firstly, there is the dialect of northern Mesopotamia, specifically of the district around Orhāi (Urhōi) or Edessa, which we commonly call Syriac. It is known to us as a literary language from about the second century after Christ down to the thirteenth or fourteenth. The best grammars of it for our purpose are those of Noeldeke [Leipzig, 1880] and Duval [Paris, 1881].

Secondly, there are the dialects of Syria Proper and of Palestine, the region to the west of the Euphrates. These are usually spoken of by the absurd designation of *Chaldee*, which would properly mean something very different, as we have seen above. Leaving out of account two words in the book of Genesis (ch. xxxi. 47) and a verse in Jeremiah (ch. x. 11), the oldest literary monuments of this branch of Aramaic are certain passages in the book of Ezra (ch. iv. 8—vi. 18, vii. 12—26), going back to the end of the sixth or the beginning of the fifth century B.C., which are, as Renan says, really specimens of the Aramaic of the time of Darius Hystaspis, Xerxes, and Artaxerxes Longimanus¹. About the Aramaic portions of the book of Daniel there is a doubt, for they are, according to the best foreign critics, of much later date, having been written by a Palestinian Jew in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, about 166 or 165 B.C. This point, however, is one which I am not called upon to settle, and I content myself with merely indicating the doubt. Then follow the Biblical Targūms, Onkelos, Jonathan, Pseudo-Jonathan, and the Yērūshalmī. Now, do not for a moment suppose that the Jews lost the use of Hebrew in the Babylonian captivity, and brought back with them into Palestine this so-called Chaldee. The Aramean dialect, which gradually got the upper hand since the fourth or fifth century B.C., did not come that long journey across the Syrian desert; it was *there*, on the spot; and it ended by taking possession of the field, side by side with the kindred dialect of the Samaritans, as exemplified in their Targūm of the Pentateuch, their festal services and hymns. For the grammati-

¹ [See however Kuenen, *Onderzoek*, 2nd ed. (Leiden, 1887) vol. i. p. 502 sq., where the view is taken that the author of Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah made extracts from an Aramaic work: this work may have been written in the Persian period, and it contained authentic history, but the documents it cites are not literally authentic. Upon this view the language of the Aramaic portions of Ezra is not so old as Renan supposes.]

cal study of the Biblical Aramaic I recommend to you the grammar of S. D. Luzzatto, *Elementi grammaticali del caldeo biblico e del dialetto talmudico-babilonese*, which has been translated into German by Krüger (Breslau 1873) and into English by Goldammer, rabbi at Cincinnati (New York, 1876). The works of Winer and Petermann may also be named. The former has been done into English by Riggs and by Longfield. Turpic's Manual (1879) may be found convenient; but Kautzsch's *Grammatik des Biblisch-aramäischen* (Leipzig, 1884) is the best in its particular field. The best Samaritan grammars are those of Uhlemann (Leipzig, 1837), and Petermann (Berlin, 1873). That of Nicholls may also be mentioned.

Subordinate dialects of this second class are:—

(a) The Egyptian Aramaic, as exhibited, for example, in the stele of Sakḳāra, now in the Berlin Museum¹; in the inscription preserved at Carpentras in France²; in the papyri Blacassiani, formerly in the collection of the Duc de Blacas, now in the British Museum³; and the papyrus of the Louvre edited by the Abbé Bargès⁴. The Berlin stele is dated in the fourth year of Xerxes, B.C. 482. The other monuments specified, and a few more of the same class, may perhaps be ascribed, as M. Clermont-Ganneau maintains⁵, to the periods of Persian sway in Egypt, B.C. 527 to 405 and B.C. 340 to 332; but it is possible that some of them at any rate may be of later date, the work of Jews dwelling in Egypt.

(b) The Nabathean dialect, or that of inscriptions found in Haurān, Petra, and the Sinaitic Peninsula, as well as at Taimā and Madāʾn Ṣāliḥ or al-Ḥijr in North Arabia. The great inscription of Taimā⁶ is of the Persian period and therefore some centuries anterior to the Christian era. The inscriptions discovered by Doughty at Madāʾn Ṣāliḥ, and just published by the French Academy⁷, date from B.C. 3 to

¹ [Figured and published in the Palaeographical Society's *Oriental Series*, Plate lxiii.]

² [*Ibid.* Plate lxiv.]

³ [*Ibid.* Plates xxv., xxvi.]

⁴ [*Papyrus Egypto-aramæen*, Paris, 1862.]

⁵ [*Revue Archéologique* 1878, 79, xxxvi. 93 sqq., xxxvii. 21 sqq.]

⁶ [Published by Nöldeke in *Sitzungsab. d. k. Pr. Acad. zu Berlin*, 10. July, 1884.]

⁷ [*Documents épigraphiques*, &c., 4^e Paris, 1884; now superseded for most of the inscriptions by Euting's *Nabatäische Inschriften aus Arabien*, 4^o Berlin, 1885.]

A.D. 79¹. The Sinaitic inscriptions are certainly not of earlier date, whatever the Rev. Ch. Forster may have written to the contrary².

(c) The dialect of the inscriptions found at Tadmor or Palmyra, a large collection of which has been published by the Comte de Vogüé in his work *Syrie Centrale, Inscriptions Sémitiques*, 4to, Paris, 1868—77, on which Noeldeke has based his admirable article in the *ZDMG.*, vol. xxiv., p. 85. They range from 9 B.C. to the latter part of the third century of our era. Since De Vogüé's publication considerable additions have been made to our stock, notably one large bilingual inscription in three columns, containing a tariff of taxes and imposts on merchandise of various sorts³.

(d) The dialect spoken by the Christians of Palestine, the principal literary monument of which is a Lectionary, edited by the Count Miniscalchi-Erizzo under the misleading title of *Evangeliarium Hierosolymitanum* [4to, Verona, 1861, 64], since there is nothing to connect it specially with Jerusalem. The remaining relics of this literature have been collected by Land in the fourth volume of his *Anecdota Syriaca* [4to, Lugd. Bat. 1875]. They comprise portions of the Old and New Testaments, hymns and fragments of theological writings. The grammar of this dialect has been written by Noeldeke in the *ZDMG.*, vol. xxii. p. 443. The extant MSS. of the lectionary belong to about the eleventh century, but as a spoken language this dialect was probably extinct several centuries before that time.

The third and last subdivision of the Aramean branch comprehends the dialects which occupied the Assyrian mountains and the plains of al-'Irāk. Of the former, so far as ancient times

¹ [These are the dates given by the French academicians. The inscription which they assign to B.C. 3 (Doughty 7=Euting 12) is really, according to Euting's more perfect copy, of the fortieth year of Hārithat IV.=A.D. 31. But Euting 1 (which was not in Doughty's collection) dates from the first year of this king, so that the series begins in B.C. 9. Again the inscription of the fourth year of Rab'el (Euting 28=Doughty 19), which the academicians place in A.D. 79, is assigned by Euting with more probability to A.D. 75. The date of king Rab'el depends on the reading of the inscription of Dmēr, published by Sachau in *ZDMG.* xxxviii. (1884) p. 535.]

² [Euting has copies of dated Sinaitic inscriptions of the 3rd Christian cent.]

³ [Published by De Vogüé in *Journal Asiatique*, Ser. 8, t. i. ii. (1883). See also *ZDMG.* xxxvii. 562 sqq., and xlii. 370 sqq., where the literature is fully cited.]

are concerned, we know little or nothing. Of the latter, to which Arab writers apply the name Nabathean (نَبَاطِي or نَبْطِي), the older representative is the language of the Babylonian Talmūd (exclusive of certain portions, which are written in late Hebrew). Its more modern representative, which has only died out as a spoken language within the last few centuries, is the Mandaitic, the dialect of the Mandæans or Gnostics (מַנְדַּאִיָּא), otherwise called Ṣābians (i.e. "Washers," from their frequent ablutions and washings, الصَّابِنُونَ, rad. لَبَسَ = لَبَعَ, or المَغْتَسِلَة) and, though very absurdly, St John's Christians. A miserable remnant of this race still lingers in Chūzistān [and near Baṣra], where they have been visited by Petermann and other recent travellers; but even their priests seem now to understand but little of their Aramaic dialect. Our MSS. of their religious works are all modern, the oldest in Europe being of the sixteenth century. The grammar of this dialect too has been written by the indefatigable Noeldeke, *Mandäische Grammatik*, Halle, 1875.

All these Aramean dialects may be divided into two classes, which are readily distinguishable by the form of the 3rd pers. sing. masc. of the Imperfect. In the western dialects—Biblical Aramaic, the Targūms, the Samaritan, the Egyptian Aramaic, the Nabathean, the Palmyrene, and the Christian dialect of Palestine—the prefix of this person is *yōdh*, יָדָה; whereas in the eastern dialects—at least in Syriac—it is *nūn*, نَصَل. The usage of the Babylonian Talmūd and the Mandaitic appears to fluctuate between *n* and *l*, though *nūn* preponderates in the latter. The form with *l* appears occasionally in Biblical Aramaic, and very rarely in the Targūms, but it is restricted to the verb (לְהִיזֵן, לְהִיזֵן, or לְהִיזֵן).

Each of these two classes of Aramaic dialects has its modern representative. Around the village of Ma'lūlā, among the hills a short distance N.N.E. of Damascus, Syriac is still spoken, more by the women and children than by the men of the locality. The prefix of the 3rd pers. sing. masc. Imperf. is *yōdh*, and this dialect therefore represents the Western Aramaic. For instance:

parkin, "I will save," he uses a Pa"ēl participle active, with the loss of the initial *m*, *ܐܒܝܬ* being a contraction of *ܐܒܝܬܐ* [it is required that], and *ܡܨܝܝܬ* standing for *ܡܨܝܝܬܐ* [saving *be*, I]. But when he says *ܐܒܝܬܐ ܡܨܝܝܬܐ* *purkit li*, "I have saved thee," he employs a Pu"al participle, *ܡܨܝܝܬܐ* being a contraction of *ܡܨܝܝܬܐܐ*, so that the literal meaning is "thou hast been saved by me." The original form *ܡܨܝܝܬܐܐ* is of course identical with the Hebrew *מִצַּדְתִּי*, *מִצַּדְתְּךָ*, *מִצַּדְתֵּךְ*, and quite distinct from the old Syriac and Arabic passive participles *مَقْتُلٌ*, *مَقْتُلَةٌ*. These Neo-Syriac dialects have been largely illustrated of late years by the publications of Socin and Prym, of Merx, and of Duval¹.

I pass on from the Central or Aramaic to the next great division of the Semitic family, the *Western*, the members of which inhabited the narrow strip of land on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, from the mouth of the Orontes southwards.

Here we have two different, though kindred, layers of population to deal with.

(1) The *Canaanites*, under which term we include the Bēnē Hēth or Hittites, the Amorites, Jebusites, and some other tribes frequently mentioned in Scripture in close connexion with one another, and the Phoenicians of the seacoast. The Philistines, who occupied part of the south of Palestine and afterwards gave their name to the whole country, I purposely exclude for the present, as being *ἀλλόφυλοι*, of a yet uncertain race, though not improbably Semitic.

Just as the various Aramean tribes called themselves *אַרַם*, so these Canaanites called themselves by the common name of *Xvâ*, i.e. *כְּנַעַנִי*. Stephanus Byzantius says that *Xvâ* was an old name for Phoenicia; Sanchuniathon, [Philo Byblius, ap. Euseb. *Pr.*

¹ [Prym and Socin, *Der neu-aram. Dialect des Thir 'Abdin*, Gött. 1881; Socin, *Die neu-aram. Dialecte von Urmin bis Mosul*, 4^o Tülb. 1882 (cf. Nöldeke in *ZDMG.* xxxvi. 669 sqq.); Duval, *Les dialectes neo-araméens de Salamas*, Paris, 1883; Merx, *Neusyrisches Lexeb.* 4to, Breslau, 1873; Guidi in *ZDMG.* xxxvii. 293 sqq.]

Ev. i. 10 (*Fr. Hist. Gr.* iii. 569)] that it was the name of a god or of a heroic ancestor. In the Old Testament it appears as a geographical term, under the form פְּנֵי [which is taken to mean "lowland"]. Whether this territorial sense was the original one, may be doubted. Palestine, as a whole, is anything but a low, flat country; and the supposed contrast with אֶרֶם is out of the question. It may be that the name was brought by these tribes, as a national designation, from their original home in lower Mesopotamia; or it may be that, as a national designation, it has some other source as yet unknown to us.

Of the different Canaanite races the only one that attained and maintained a great political importance was the *Phoenician*. From the district of Sidon and Tyre the Phoenicians gradually spread, principally northwards, along the coast of Syria, occupying such places as Bērytos (Beirūt), Byblos (בִּיבְלוֹס [Gabal, Ezek. xxvii.

9], Botrys (בֹּטְרוֹן, Batrūn), Tripolis, Simyra (Σίμυρα, הִימְרִי [“the Zemarite,” Gen. x. 18]), Arke (Ἀρκη or τὰ Ἀρκα, הָעֲרֵקִי [“the Arkite,” Gen. x. 17]), Sinnas (Σιννάς, הַסִּינִי [“the Sinite,” Gen. x. 17]), Aradus (הָאַרְדִּי [“the Arvadite,” Gen. x. 18], رَوَاد) and Antaradus (أَنْطَرطُوس, Tortosa), Laodicea, and

Amathe (חַמַּת [Hamath], حَمَاة), farther inland. With the extension of their domains by colonisation we are not now concerned. Suffice it to say that the Phoenicians occupied, in whole or in part, many of the islands of the Mediterranean, such as Cyprus, Rhodes, Crete, Malta, Sicily, the Lipari isles, Sardinia, and the Balearic group. They had settlements in Egypt and throughout all northern Africa, where Carthage rose to be the dreaded rival of Rome. They set foot in Gaul at Massilia or Marseilles¹; and a large portion of Southern Spain was in their hands. From the port of Cadiz their ships sailed

¹ [The evidence for the existence of a Phoenician colony at Marseilles before the Phocaean settlement is wholly archaeological and has broken down bit by bit. Last of all it has been shewn, since these lectures were written, that the famous Phoenician sacrificial tablet is of Carthaginian stone and must have been brought from Carthage; how or when can only be matter of conjecture. See *Corpus Inscr. Sem.* i. 217 sqq.]

southwards along the coast of Africa and northwards towards Britain; whilst from Elath (עֵלָת) and Ezion-geber on the Red Sea they traded with S. Arabia and India, which they also reached by way of the Persian Gulf. In short, go where you will throughout the ancient world, you find the Phoenician סְחָר, as keen and energetic a trader as his kinsman the modern Jew.

All the languages of this Canaanitic group, it would seem, closely resembled what we call Hebrew; but the only one of them with which we are well acquainted is the Phoenician. It has been preserved to us in numerous inscriptions from all parts of the ancient world, varying in date from the seventh (or eighth) cent. to the first cent. B.C., or, if we include the Punic, to the second or third cent. of our era. The grammar which you should consult is that of Schröder [*Die Phönizische Sprache*, Halle, 1869], and you should also read Stade's treatise "Erneute Prüfung des zwischen dem Phönizischen u. Hebräischen bestehenden Verwandschaftsgrades," in *Morgenländische Forschungen*, Leipzig 1875¹.

Of the so-called Hittite empire, the chief seats of which were at Kadesh on the Orontes and subsequently at Karkēmīsh on the Euphrates, I here say nothing; because it is doubtful whether the *Kheta* of the Egyptians and the *Khatti* of the Assyrians can really be identified with the חַת or חַתִּים of the Book of Genesis. Ramses II., in the fifteenth cent. B.C., waged war with the Kheta and captured their city Kadesh; and the Khatti were always a bar in the way of the Assyrian kings down to the year 717 B.C., when Sargon succeeded in taking Karkēmīsh. This northern kingdom may be meant in such passages as 1 Kings x. 29, 2 Kings vii. 6, and 2 Sam. xxiv. 6; but scarcely in Gen. x. 15, xv. 20, and xxiii., or Deut. vii. 1, where we have clearly to deal with a strictly Canaanitic tribe.

(2) The Canaanites were already long masters of the land, when a body of strangers appeared among them. These immigrants had originally started from Ur Kasdīm, i.e. the city called in the Assyrian inscriptions *Uru* (now al-Muḡair, المقيّر)

¹ [A complete collection of Phoenician inscriptions will form the first part of the *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum* undertaken by the French Acad. des Inscr. The first vol. has appeared, fol. Paris, 1881-87, with atlas of plates.]

in Babylonia, and had gone northwards to Harrān in Mesopotamia. Here a split took place among them. The family of Naḥor remained in Mesopotamia; that of Terah, under the leadership of Abrām, marched south-westwards into Canaan. These strangers received the name of עֲבָרִים or עֲבָרִיִּים, most probably because they came מֵעֵבֶר הַנָּהָר, from across the great river Euphrates. This is what the LXX. intended when they rendered the words לְאֶבְרָם הָעֵבֶרִי (Gen. xiv. 13) by Ἀβραὰμ τῷ περάτῃ; and what Origen meant when he explained Ἐβραῖοι by περατικοί. Some of these strangers remained in the country, and in the end permanently occupied different portions of it on the East side of the Jordan and to the east and south of the Dead Sea; viz. the Children of Ammon, of Moab, and of Edom. Others of them, the Children of Ishmael, wandered away among the adjacent Arab tribes to the E. and S.E., and ultimately became inseparable and indistinguishable from them. Others still, the Children of Jacob, after dwelling for some considerable time in Palestine itself, moved southwards, and swelled the ranks of the Semitic immigrants into Egypt. After a sojourn in that country, which is variously estimated at from 215 to 430 years¹, the Children of Jacob fled or were expelled, and resumed a nomade life in the Sinaitic peninsula under the leadership of Moses. This event may be placed in the fifteenth or fourteenth cent. B.C., for the calculations of different scholars vary. Marching northwards they came once more to the borders of Palestine, and passing by their kinsmen of Edom and Moab, they fell upon the Amorites, who had succeeded in crushing Ammon and seriously crippling Moab. The Amorites went down before the fierce assault of Israel, for whom God fought (as the name betokens), and the land to the north of the Arnon was the reward of their prowess. From this vantage-ground they entered upon a long struggle with the Canaanites, which, after various vicissitudes, ended in the substantial triumph of the Israelites and the conquest of large portions of the Canaanite territory, in which they settled side by side with the conquered race.

¹ [See the commentaries on Exod. xii. 40.]

The language of the Hebrews is well known to us, its literature extending over a period of many ages, from the date of the earliest Biblical books down to the redaction of the Mishnah, about the end of the second century after Christ, when Hebrew had long ceased to be the language of ordinary life, and was only written and spoken in the schools. But the same cannot be said of the languages of Ammon, Moab and Edom, of which, till within the last few years, we knew no more than the Old Testament itself could teach us. However, in 1868, the German missionary Klein discovered a stone with a long inscription at Dibān (the ancient Dibon, דִּיבּוֹן) in the territory of Moab. This passed, after it had been broken and mutilated, into the hands of M. Clermont-Ganneau, then one of the officials of the French Consulate at Jerusalem, and is now deposited in the Louvre. This inscription belongs to the time of Mēsha', king of Moab, in the first quarter of the ninth century B.C., and gives an account of his wars with the Israelites and his domestic undertakings. The language is so similar to the Hebrew of the Old Testament that Prof. Roediger simply treated it as such in the last edition which he published of Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar (the twenty-first, 1872)¹.

If, then, the difference between the Phoenicians on the one side, and the Hebrew and Moabite on the other, be so slight, how is this to be explained? In one or other of two ways. We might suppose, firstly, that the ancestors of the Hebrews, who wandered from Ur Kasdīm northwards in company with Arameans, were, though of the same stock, yet of a different family from these; and this circumstance might have led to their separation from the Arameans, and to their seeking a home among more closely allied peoples in Canaan. Against this view, however, it may be fairly urged that, in the Old Testament itself (Deut. xxvi. 5), Abram is spoken of as אֲרָמִי אֲבִיר "a wandering," or "nomade, Aramean"; and that Jacob's relatives in Paddan Aram are always expressly called Arameans (Gen. xxv. 20, xxviii. 5, xxxi. 20, 24). I incline, therefore, to the second explanation, put forward by Schröder and other scholars, which is this: that

¹ [The latest edition of the "Moabite Stone" is that of Smend and Socin, Freiburg, 1886. In the same year a facsimile of a portion of the inscription with transliteration and translation was published by the Palaeographical Society (2nd Ser. pl. 43).]

these nomade Arameans, the tribes of Abram and Lot, having settled among a Canaanite population of a much higher order of civilisation, were soon constrained to disuse their mother tongue, the Aramaic, and to adopt the kindred language of the people among whom they had settled. To the advanced civilisation of the Hittites and Phoenicians the monuments of Egypt and the Old Testament itself bear ample testimony. We know for certain, thanks to the labours of such Egyptologists as the Vicomte de Rougé and Mr Goodwin, that in the time of Ramses II., that is, in the fifteenth century B.C., the Kheta of Kadesh were in possession of the art of writing and of a literature. And as for the Phoenicians, when Solomon desired to build his Temple to Jehovah, Hiram king of Tyre supplied the materials and the artisans; when Solomon sought to trade with South Arabia, it was again Hiram who manned the fleet of ships at Ezion-geber. That a small and less civilised tribe, such as the Hebrews in the time of Abram undoubtedly were, should have soon adopted the language of the more numerous and cultivated race among whom they took up their abode, has in itself nothing surprising, and is a fact not altogether unknown in history. In France and Spain, for example, the conquering German race soon gave up the use of its mother-tongue, which left but slight traces of the conquest upon the language of the conquered. The Norsemen invaded and took possession of a district in France, to which they gave their name; but the Normans invaded England as a French-speaking people, and were again in process of time merged among the English whom they conquered.

The last great section of the Semitic languages is the *Southern* or Arabian, which we may divide into three branches; viz. the North Arabian or Arabic, commonly so called; the South Arabian or Himyaritic; and the Ge'ez or Ethiopic.

1. *Arabic* is, in its historical career and literary development, one of the latest of the Semitic languages to rise into prominent notice. Though we read of wars between the Arabs and the Assyrians, the Romans, and the Persians, who were each acknowledged at different periods as liege lords of a considerable part of the Arabian Peninsula; yet it was not till the

seventh century of our era that the nation acquired a really historical importance. It was under Muḥammad and his successors that the Arabs, maddened by religious enthusiasm, rushed forth from their deserts like a torrent; broke the Byzantine power on the banks of the Hieromax (Yarmūk); crushed the might of Persia on the day of al-Ḳādisiyah; and adding conquest to conquest, planted the standard of their Prophet, within a hundred years, upon the banks of the Indus in the east and of the Tagus in the west.

The literary development of the race dates from the same period. Before Muḥammad's time the northern Arabs had only a literature of ballads, mostly handed down by oral tradition. With the promulgation of the Ḳor'ān a new era commenced, and there are few, if any, nations of ancient and medieval Europe which can boast of a literature like the Arabic, especially in history, geography, philosophy, and other sciences, to say nothing of poetry, and of the peculiar systems of theology and law which depend upon the Ḳor'ān and the Sunnah.

The Arabic language was thus peculiarly fortunate. Leading a life of comparative seclusion—not ground, like the Arameans and Canaanites, between the two grindstones of Assyria, Babylon, or Persia, on the one side, and Egypt on the other; nor, like the Phoenicians, thrown by commerce and colonisation into close contact with a dozen foreign nations—the Arabs had preserved, down to the sixth or seventh century of our era, far more of the ancient form and fashion of Semitic speech than any of their congeners. If not the Sanskrit, Arabic is at least the Lithuanian among the Semitic tongues. At this particular period too the dialect of the tribe of Ḳoraish¹, which had already acquired a certain supremacy over the rest, was fixed by the Ḳor'ān as the future literary language of the whole nation. Had it not been for this circumstance, we might have known Arabic in the form of half a dozen languages, differing from one another almost as widely as the members of the Romance group or the modern languages of northern India. But its literature has in a great measure prevented this, and preserved the unity of the language, so that the dialectic divergences

¹ [The Ḳoraish, i.e. the branch of Kināna settled in and about Mecca, were the tribe of the prophet.]

of what is called "vulgar Arabic" are by no means so great as we might have expected after all the struggles and vicissitudes of the last twelve centuries. From the mouth of the Tigris, throughout Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine, Arabia proper, Egypt, and North Africa, as far as Morocco, the language is essentially one and the same—Arabic, sunk by the gradual decay of its inflection to the level at which we become acquainted with Aramaic and Hebrew. In its purest form it is probably to be heard among the Bedawin; in its most corrupt in the island of Malta. The standard grammar of the classical Arabic is that of Silvestre de Sacy (second edition, 2 vols. Paris, 1831¹). Smaller works in various languages are numerous. For the modern dialects there is also an ample choice. For the Egyptian dialect none can compete with Spitta, *Grammatik des Arabischen Vulgärdialectes von Ägypten* (1880). For the Syrian a useful book is the *Grammaire Arabe vulgaire* of Caussin de Perceval (fourth edition, 1858); and for the Algerian the *Éléments de la Langue Algérienne* of A. P. Pihan (1851). The Maltese has been treated by Vassalli, *Grammatica della lingua Maltese*, second edition, 1827; and by Gesenius in his *Versuch über die Maltesische Sprache* (Leipzig 1810).

2. The *South Arabian* or *Himyaritic* [also called Sabæan] is one of the less known of the Semitic tongues. I use the term Himyaritic (حَمِير, مَحَبَرَة, 'Ομηρίται) here, in its widest sense, to denote the language, or rather group of languages, whose territory extends along the south coast of Arabia, from the strait of Bāb-el-Mandeb on the west to the mouth of the Persian Gulf on the east. There seems to be little doubt that the three great provinces of al-Yemen, Ḥadramaut (חַדְרַמְאוֹת, Gen. x. 26), and Mahrah, spoke dialects of one tongue, and that these dialects have their modern representatives in the Eḥkili, also called Ḥakili or Ḳarāwī, and the Mehri.

The ancient Himyaritic is chiefly known to us through inscriptions, which have been found in great numbers, especially

¹ [The grammar of De Sacy is now difficult to procure, and the reader who desires to bring his knowledge down to date must take with it the notes of Fleischer, which form the first volume of his *Kleinere Schriften*, Leipzig, 1885. Students will therefore prefer the excellent grammar of the author of these lectures, 2nd ed. London, 1874.]

in the most accessible of the three provinces above named, that of al-Yemen. How far back they may go in point of time is uncertain. According to Mordtmann and D. H. Müller in their *Sabäische Denkmäler* (4^o Vienna, 1883), p. 86, the era of the three dated inscriptions as yet known to us is, as guessed by Reinaud, the Seleucian. These inscriptions belong therefore to A.D. 261, 328, and 357¹. None of the Ḥimyaritic monuments are likely to be later than the seventh century of our era. The grammar of these languages has not yet been formally compiled by any one orientalist, but we may soon expect a work on the subject from the competent hand of Prof. D. H. Müller of Vienna.

3. Crossing over into Africa, we encounter the Ge'ez or Ethiopic, the language of the Abyssinians, an ancient Ḥimyaritic colony, as the word ገዕዝ: "migration" or "the emigrants," itself shews. Its territory is the mountainous region S.W. of Nubia, where its modern representatives still flourish. The most prominent of these are: on the north, the *Tigré*, spoken in the Dahlak islands, and on the mainland in Ṣamhar and by the Habab, Mensa, Bogos, and neighbouring tribes; in the centre, the *Tigrīña* [or *Tigrāi*], which prevails in the districts of Dembeyā, Hama-sēn, Sarawē, Akala-guzai, and Agamē, around the ancient capital of Aksūm, and in the region of Walkait; and in the south, the *Amhariña* or *Amharic*, the language of Samēn and the districts around Gondar and the Lake Ṣānā or Ṭānā, as far as Gōjām. Of these three languages, the Tigré most resembles the old Ge'ez, whilst the Amharic has deviated furthest from it.

The oldest monuments of the Ethiopic literature are a few inscriptions, belonging to the first five or six centuries of our era. Next to these we must rank the translation of the Bible, executed probably at different times, during a space of several centuries from the fourth century onwards. The bulk of the literature is, however, modern, and consists of translations from the Coptic, and still more frequently from the Arabic, which were produced

¹ [In his article "Yemen" in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 9th ed. vol. xxiv. (1888), Prof. Müller looks with some favour on the view put forward by Halévy (*Ét. Sab.* p. 86), who takes the inscription Ḥiṣn Ghorāb, dated 640, to speak of the overthrow of Dhū Nuwās, and so fixes on 115 A.C. as the epoch of the Sabæan era. In that case the *five* dated inscriptions now known are to be ascribed to A.D. 270, 458, 467, 525, and 554 respectively. Cf. *C.I.S.*, IV. i. p. 18.]

in abundance from the thirteenth to the sixteenth centuries, when the ancient Ge'ez had died out, but was still cultivated by the priesthood, like Latin by the learned of Europe or Hebrew in the Talmudic schools. The standard grammar of the ancient Ge'ez is that of Dillmann [Leipzig, 1857] which has superseded that of Ludolfus or Leuthof, an admirable work in its day. The Tigrīña dialect has been handled by Practorius, *Grammatik der Tigrīña-Sprache* (Halle, 1871) [and Schreiber, *Man. de la langue Tigrāi* (Vien. 1887)]. For the Amharic I may name the works of Isenberg (1842) and Massaja, *Lectiones grammaticales* (Paris, 1867); but the best book on the subject is that of Praetorius, *Die Amharische Sprache* (1879). [See also Guidi, *Gr. elem. della l. Amariña* (Rome, 1889)].

Having thus taken a rapid and necessarily imperfect survey of the Semitic languages, it may be well for us to spend a few minutes on an inquiry as to their connexion, real or imaginary, with the great contiguous families, more especially with the Indo-European and the Egyptian.

This is a question of great difficulty, and not to be settled in the crude and offhand manner of Fürst and Delitzsch on the one hand or of von Raumer and Raabe on the other. The temptation to identification is great, and too much weight has been attributed by the scholars mentioned, and even by men of higher reputation, to analogies that lie merely on the surface. The Semitic languages, like the Indo-European, belong to the inflective class; but this circumstance, as Whitney has remarked (*Language and the Study of Language*, 3rd ed., p. 300), by no means implies a genetic connexion or even descent from a common stock. The resemblance between the two families is, on the whole, not greater than we might reasonably expect to find in languages produced by human beings of nearly the same natural endowments under very similar circumstances of development. The probability of an ultimate connexion will of course seem greatest to those who believe in a common birthplace of the two races. If they both spread themselves abroad from a point near the Caspian Sea, or in Central Asia, original unity is not impossible. But if the Indo-Europeans rooted in Central

Asia, or, as some recent scholars (such as Penka in his *Origines Ariacae* [Teschen, 1883], and O. Schrader, in his *Sprachvergleichung und Urgeschichte* [Jena, 1883]) have tried to prove, on the shores of the Baltic, whilst the Semites were autochthones in Central Arabia, the chances of original unity are reduced to a vanishing point. An ultimate relationship, if one exist at all, will only be discovered when we have solved the great mystery of the Semitic tongues, the triliterality of the roots. With a few exceptions, the most important of which are the pronouns, every Semitic root, as historically known to us, is triliteral; it consists of three letters, neither more nor less, and these three are consonants. The vowels play only a secondary rôle. The consonants give the meaning of the word; the vowels express its modifications. The letters *ktl* (قتل, كط), for example, are the bones of a skeleton, which the vowels clothe with flesh and endow with life. These three consonants convey the idea of "kill." Add vowels, and you get such words as قَتَلَ *ḳatala* "he killed," قَتِلَ *ḳutila* "he was killed"; قَتْلَ *ḳatl* "the act of killing" or "of being killed"; قَاتِلَ *ḳitl* "a killer," "an enemy"; قَاتِلَ *ḳātil* "killing." The use of prefixes, affixes, and even of infixes, is common to both families of languages; but the Indo-Europeans have nothing like this triconsonantal rule with its varying vocalisation as a means of grammatical inflexion. The Indo-European roots are not thus restricted in their nature; the radical vowels, although more liable to phonetic change than the consonants, are as essential a part of the root as these latter. A root may consist of a single vowel; of a vowel followed by one or more consonants; of one or more consonants followed by a vowel; of a vowel preceded and followed by a single consonant; and so on. The Sanskrit roots *i* "go," *sthā* "stand," *ad* "eat," *vid* "know," *grabh* "seize," are something wholly different in character from the Semitic roots *ḳrb* "come near," *ḳtl* "kill," *plg* "divide," which, as Bopp has justly remarked (*Vergl. Gr.*, 2^{te} Ausg., 1^{ter} Bd, p. 196), are unpronounceable, because, in giving them vowels, we make an advance to a special grammatical form. And yet here, if any-

where, will an ultimate connexion between these two families of languages be discovered. It cannot escape the observation of the student that a great many Semitic roots have two consonants in common, whilst the third seems less essential, and is therefore variable. For example, *kt* or *kḏ* are common to the series, *قطم*, *قطل*, *تطف*, *تقطع*, *قطا*, *قذ*, *قدح*, *قد*, *قتل*, *قت*, all of which convey the idea of "cutting" in some form or other. *Pl* or *fl* are found in *فلت*, *فلح*, *فلذ*, *فلخ*, *فلج*, *فل*, all meaning "cleave" or "divide." *H*, *k* are the basis of *חקק*, *חקר*, *חקר*, of which the original signification is also "slit" or "cut." *Ph* or *fh* are the essential constituents of *نفخ*, *فاح*, *فاح*, *فاح*, *نفخ*, *نفخ*, meaning "blow," "puff." When Semitic philology has advanced so far as to have discovered the laws by which the original biliterals (assuming their separate existence) were converted into triliterals; when we are able to account for the position and to explain the function of each variable constituent of the triliteral roots; then, and not till then, may we venture to think of comparing the primitive Indo-European and Semitic vocabularies. Meantime, to assert the identity of such a word as *בָּנָה* "he built" with *pono*, or of *בָּעַר* "he burned up" with *πῦρ*, is little better than sheer folly. And why? Because the comparison is not that of original forms, but of an original form (or what is very nearly so) with a comparatively late development. *בָּנָה* was originally *bānātyā*; *pono* is a softening of *posno*, as we learn from its perfect and supine, and includes a suffix and a pronominal element. *בָּעַר* originally sounded *ba'ara*; *πῦρ* is stated to be a contraction of *πύρ*, which probably stands for an original **pavar*, and comes from a radical *pu*, in Sanskrit "to be bright," "to purify," plus a derivative suffix. If such comparisons as these could be upheld, they would prove that Hebrew and Arabic were not merely connected with, but actually derived from Sanskrit or Greek or Latin. What has been written on this subject by Fürst and by the elder Delitzsch in his *Jesurun* (1838) is absolutely worthless; as are also the lucubrations of von Raumer and Raabe. The best that can be

said about it you will find in the younger Delitzsch's *Studien über Indogermanisch-Semitische Wurzelverwandschaft* (Leipzig 1873) and in McCurdy's *Aryo-Semitic Speech* (1881).

As to the affinity of the Egyptian language with the Semitic stock, that is also a question which is as yet *sub judice*. Benfey, in his well-known work *Ueber das Verhältniss der ägyptischen Sprache zum semitischen Sprachstamm* (Leipzig 1844), sought to establish this affinity by various considerations, grammatical and lexicographical; and the conclusion to which he came was, that the Semites are only one branch of a great family, which includes not only the Egyptians but also all the other languages of Africa. His views have been combated by Pott, Renan, and other scholars; and certainly in this unrestricted form they seem to land us in almost Turanian absurdities. But with regard to the ancient Egyptian and the Coptic, Egyptologists seem gradually to be arriving at conclusions similar to those of Benfey. De Rougé, Ebers, and above all Brugsch, in the introduction to his *Hieroglyphic Dictionary*, have declared their belief in the descent of the Egyptian from the same stock as the Semitic languages. An examination of the Coptic alone readily suggests several considerations in support of this view. For example, there is the marvellous similarity, almost amounting to identity, of the personal pronouns, both separate and suffixed—a class of words which languages of radically different families are not apt to borrow from one another. “I” in Coptic is ἄποκ, ἀπακ.

“Thou” ἡτοκ, ἡτακ

“He” ἡθοϩ, etc.

“She” ἡθοϩ, etc.

“We” ἄποκ, ἀπακ

“Ye” ἡϩωτεκ, ἡτωτῖ, ἡτατῖ

“They” ἡϩωϩ, ἡτοϩ, ἡταϩ

The suffix pronouns I give as they appear in connexion with the preposition πα “to.”

“to me” πῃ, πα

“to us” παπ

“to thee,” m. πακ

“to you” πωτεκ, πητεκ

f. πε

“to him” παϩ

“to them” πωϩ, παϩ

“to her” παϩ

Again, there is the curious resemblance in the forms of some of the simplest numerals; e.g.

1, masc. *отал, ота, отут*; fem. *оти, отей, отут*

2, masc. *снат, сем. сенте, спотѣ*

7, masc. *шашѣ, сашѣ*; fem. *шашѣ, сашѣ*

8, masc. *шмнп, шмотп*; fem. *шмнп, шмотп.*

In the verb, the formation of the present tense presents a remarkable analogy to that of the Semitic imperfect or, as some still prefer to call it, future,—I mean the form *ⲗⲏⲣⲓ*. E.g.


sing. 1.	ⲕ. <i>тѡм</i> <i>I am joining, adhering</i> ;	pl. 1.	тѡм
2. m. n.	тѡм, ⲕ. тѡм	2. тетѡм	тѡм
	f. тѡм		
3. m. q.	тѡм	3. се. тѡм	
	f. с. тѡм		

Analogies like these seem to favour the idea of a genetic relationship between the Semitic languages and the Egyptian; or at least of a closer affinity than can be said to subsist between the Semitic and the Indo-European. To discover any connexion between the two latter, we must endeavour to work our way back to the very earliest stage of their history—to a period before Semitic really was Semitic; we must try to disintegrate the triliteral Semitic root; to extract from it the biliteral, which alone can be compared with the Indo-European radical. And if haply we succeed in this, it is apparently the utmost that we can hope for; their subsequent developments, the growth of their grammatical systems, are wholly distinct and discordant. But the connexion between the Semitic and the Egyptian languages seems to be of a somewhat nearer kind. It is true that we are met by the old difficulty with regard to the form of the Egyptian roots, the majority of which are monosyllabic, and certainly do not exhibit Semitic triliterality; but, on the other hand, we have not a few structural affinities, which may perhaps be thought sufficient to justify those linguists who hold that Egyptian is a relic of the earliest age of Semitism, of Semitic speech as it was before it passed into the peculiar form in which we may be said to know it historically.

CHAPTER III.

SEMITIC WRITING.

AFTER these preliminary investigations and surveys, there remains yet another subject on which it is desirable to say a few words before we address ourselves to the special object of these lectures, the comparative grammar of the Semitic languages. That subject is—the origin and history of Semitic writing. My account of this interesting topic must, however, be very brief and sketchy; the more so as I hope to treat it more fully in a subsequent course of lectures. Meantime I would refer those of you who seek further details to the treatise of the Vicomte de Rougé, *Mémoire sur l'origine égyptienne de l'alphabet phénicien*, 1874; to the work of Lenormant, *Essai sur la propagation de l'alphabet phénicien dans l'ancien monde*, of which the first part appeared in 1872, and two more have since been added, though the book must now unhappily remain unfinished; to the *Mélanges d'Archéologie orientale* of the Cte de Vogüé, 1868; and to Mr Isaac Taylor's excellent book *The Alphabet* [London, 1883], especially vol. i.










All writing—Chinese, Assyrian, Egyptian—was originally pictorial. The next stage was that of the ideogram. Each picture received a fixed, often symbolic, value, and was always used in the same way. In Egyptian the figure of a tongue meant “to speak”; two hands holding a shield and spear meant “to fight”; and so on. The third step—a great one—was to make a particular sign stand in all cases for one and the same syllabic sound; e.g., the figure of a mouth  for *ro*, the Egyptian for “mouth”; the figure of a hand for *tot*; the figure of an eye for *iri*. The last and greatest step was to divide the syllable into its component parts or letters, and to represent

each of these by a special figure. Here the ancient Egyptians happily lighted upon what has been called the "acrophonic" principle; that is to say, they designated each letter by the picture of an object, the name of which began with the sound which the letter was to represent. For example, the picture of a *lion*, would mean the letter *l*, because the word *labo*, λαβοι, begins with that sound; the picture of an *owl* the letter *m*, because the word *mūlag*, μουλαξ, begins with that sound; the picture of a *mouth* the letter *r*, because the word *ro*, ρο, begins with *r*.

To this stage the Egyptians attained at a very early period; but, like the inventors of the cuneiform characters, they did not avail themselves fully of their great discovery. On the contrary, they mixed up the two principles, the ideographic and the phonetic, in a manner that is extremely puzzling to the reader. To an Egyptian the figure of a *lion* might actually mean "a lion"; or it might, as an ideogram, be a symbolic sign, meaning "preeminence," "sovereignty"; or it might, as a mere letter, designate the sound *l*. To an Assyrian a certain combination of wedges might convey the idea of "the earth"; but phonetically it might express the syllable *ki*. Hence the mass of determinative signs of various kinds employed in writing by the Egyptians, Assyrians and Chinese.


Of course, in process of time, the picture gradually faded away. Details were neglected; a few bold strokes sufficed to depict the object intended; and, in the end, the form of the *letter* often bore little or no resemblance to the *thing* from which it was derived. The group of wedges, the hieratic or demotic character, and the modern Chinese sign, are, in most cases, wholly unlike any object in heaven or earth.

The Egyptians, in addition to the stiff pictorial hieroglyphs, had two sorts of more current or cursive characters, called the hieratic and the demotic. The former, used (as the name indicates) by the priests, was employed for sacred writings only; the latter, used by the people, served for all ordinary secular purposes. It was of the former that the inventors or adapters of the Semitic alphabet appear to have availed themselves. They used the forms which are found in papyri anterior to the eighteenth dynasty, belonging, roughly speaking, to the period between 2100 and 1500 B.C. De Rougé endeavours to show

that out of the twenty-two Phoenician letters, fifteen are beyond doubt directly derived from Egyptian models, whilst only one, the *'ayin*, is clearly of Semitic invention. It may be that the "spoiling of the Egyptians" went so far; that the plundering Semites appropriated not only the idea of a written alphabet, but the very forms which the letters were to take. However, I cannot profess myself entirely convinced, not even by Mr Isaac Taylor's argumentation. If they did so, the Semites both remodelled and renamed their acquisitions. Out of the Egyptian *eagle or vulture*  they made the head and horns of an ox, , ; the *throne*, , became the head and neck of a *camel*, , ; the group of lotus plants growing out of the water, , became , ; and so on¹.

Deecke's attempt to derive the forms of the Semitic alphabet from the Assyrian, I must regard as an utter failure. You will find his views stated in an article in the *ZDMG.*, vol. xxxi. p. 102.

The remodelled Egyptian alphabet has been, in the hands of the Phoenicians and other Semites, the parent of nearly all the systems of writing used by the nations of Europe and Western Asia. The Greeks received it from the Phoenicians, and having again remodelled it, passed it on to the Etruscans, the Romans, and the Copts. The sacred books of the Persians are written with an alphabet of Aramaic origin. The Uigür Tatars [and through them the Mongols] acknowledge a similar obligation. And even the Sanskrit alphabet, with all its Asiatic offshoots, has been traced to a South Semitic source.

The oldest monument of Semitic writing as yet discovered, with what we may call a certain date, is the inscription of Mēsha², , king of Moab, which we may place about B.C. 890³. Here we find already a carefully developed system of orthography and punctuation, which contrasts favourably with those of Phoenician inscriptions of later date by several centuries. Final vowels are expressed by the letters ' (*i*), ' (*ū*) and ' (*ō*),

¹ Halévy, with whom Nöldeke inclines to agree, derives the Semitic alphabet from the hieroglyphs.

² [i.e. soon after the death of Ahab, which, according to the received chronology, took place 897 B.C. If, as is concluded from the Assyrian monuments, Ahab was alive in 854 and took part in the battle of Karkar (Schrader, *Keilinschr. und AT.* 2nd ed. Giessen, 1883, pp. 199, 463) the stone of Mesha dates from about 850 B.C.]

e.g. לֵּה, פְּבִיחֹה, עֶשֶׂה, פְּנִתִי, אֶבִי; and the words are separated by a single point, which is also found in a few of the younger Phoenician inscriptions, and in Samaritan, and which we may compare with the line | of the Hīmyaritic, and the two dots of the Ethiopic (:)¹. Equally old, if not older, is the inscription on the fragments of a bronze bowl discovered in Cyprus (*Corpus Inscr. Semitt.*, i. pp. 22–26, and pl. iv). To the same class of alphabets as these inscriptions belong the various Phoenician monuments and coins of Tyre and Sidon, Gēbal, Cyprus, Athens, Malta, Sicily, Sardinia, Marseilles, Carthage and other parts of N. Africa, and Spain. The oldest of these date from the sixth or fifth century B.C., whilst of the youngest or Neopunic many are post-Christian. The difference between the earlier and later monuments in the form of certain letters is very marked. Observe these in particular:—

	Moab	Cyprus	Sidon
ג	𐤂		𐤁
ד	𐤃	Δ	𐤄
ו	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇
ה	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆
ז	𐤆	𐤇	𐤈
ח	𐤇	𐤈	𐤉
ט	𐤈	𐤉	𐤊
י	𐤉	𐤊	𐤋
כ	𐤊	𐤋	𐤌
ל	𐤌	𐤍	𐤎
מ	𐤍	𐤎	𐤏
ם	𐤎	𐤏	𐤐
ס	𐤏	𐤐	𐤑
פ	𐤐	𐤑	𐤒
צ	𐤑	𐤒	𐤓
ק	𐤒	𐤓	𐤔
ר	𐤓	𐤔	𐤕
ש	𐤔	𐤕	𐤖
ת	𐤕	𐤖	𐤗

The ancient Hebrew modification of the Semitic alphabet is now known to us in a document to which an approximate date can be assigned, viz. the Siloam inscription, of the seventh

¹ [Cf. the facsimile, *Palaographische Society*, and Series, pl. xliii. (1886).]

century B.C.¹ As compared with the Mēsha' alphabet, notable varieties in the forms of single letters are:—

	Moab	Israel		Moab	Israel
א	Ⲁ	ⲁ	ד	Ⲅ	ⲅ
י	Ⲛ	ⲛ	ע	Ⲑ	ⲑ
ו	Ⲗ	ⲗ	צ	Ⲓ	ⲓ
ח	Ⲙ	ⲙ	ק	Ⲕ	ⲕ

Old seals and other gems, dating, say, from the seventh to the fourth century B.C., exhibit identical forms; and the same remark applies to two fragmentary inscriptions from the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, discovered by M. Clermont-Ganneau and now deposited in the British Museum. This alphabet is still found, with slight modifications, upon the Maccabee and other Jewish coins; and is known to us in its latest shape as the *Samaritan* alphabet. It began, however, to be disused by the Jews even before the commencement of our era, and to be supplanted by a modified form of the Palmyrene character, the so-called *square* character, כְּתָב מִרְבָּע. Some of the extant inscriptions of this type belong to the century preceding our era. For the first three or four centuries after Christ our materials, though not abundant, are sufficiently ample for palaeographical purposes.

The third of the Semitic alphabets is the Aramaic, our knowledge of which commences with some Assyrian weights, which go back as far as the seventh or eighth century before our era. There are also extant some gems and seals of nearly the same age. Among the inscriptions may be mentioned that recently discovered by Prof. Euting at Taimā, clearly belonging to the Persian period, say from the sixth to the fourth century B.C. A sure mark of antiquity in this, as well as in the Phœnician alphabet, is the undulating or wavy form of the letters *m* and *s*/*h*, as contrasted with the later forms, which exhibit a cross-line. In the inscription of Mēsha', as well as in the Assyrian weights, we find ⲙ ⲙ and ⲙ, which become at a later time ⲙ ⲙ and ⲙ ⲙ. The letter Ⲅ too in the Moabite

¹ [Cf. the facsimile in the *Oriental Series* of the Palaeographical Society, Plate lxxxvii. (1882). "The inscription...may be ascribed to the reign of Hezekiah towards the year 700 B.C.": cf. 2 Kings xx. 20; 2 Chron. xxxii. 30.]

stele and the oldest Aramean seals has the forms 𐤀 𐤁 , whereas later on it appears as 𐤁 𐤂 𐤃 𐤄 and the like. A peculiarity of the Aramean alphabet is that some of the letters have open heads, and thus contrast markedly with the closed heads of the Phoenician type. These are :—

	Phoen.	Aram.
𐤁	𐤁	𐤁
𐤂	𐤂 𐤃	𐤂 𐤃
𐤄	𐤄	𐤄
𐤅	𐤅	𐤅

To this class belong the Egyptian-Aramaic alphabet, the Nabathean (including the Sinaitic inscriptions), and the Syriac Estrangēlā with all its more modern developments, comprising the Mandaic on the one hand and the Kūfī and Naskhī Arabic on the other. The character of the Palmyrene inscriptions is very interesting, as coming nearest to the Jewish square character.

The alphabet used by the southern Semites, though ultimately sprung from the same stock as the Phoenician and Aramean alphabets, must have been separated from them at a very remote time, and have run its course under peculiar influences. The oldest inscriptions which we possess, whether from North or South Arabia, whether Thamūdite (aṣ-Ṣafā)¹ or Himyaritic or Ethiopic, are written, like all other Semitic writings, from right to left. Others, probably of later date, are written, to use a Greek word, *βουστροφηδόν*, "as the ox turns in ploughing," that is, like some Greek inscriptions, alternately from right to left and left to right. Finally the latter course

¹ [The inscriptions of aṣ-Ṣafā in the volcanic region S.E. of Damascus were first observed by Graham in 1857. Ten were published by Wetzstein (*Reisebericht*, Berl. 1860) more by De Vogüé in his *Syrie Centrale, Inscr. Sémit.* (4° Paris, 1868-77); cf. Halévy's papers in *J. As.* 1877, 81, 82. Other inscriptions in the same character have been copied by Doughty and Euting in various parts of northern Arabia, especially in the region associated with the name of the ancient race of Thamūd (Θαμουνδηροί); hence the name Thamuditic. Euting's inscriptions have been deciphered by D. H. Müller (*Denkschr.* of the Vienna Acad. 1889). Twenty-six characters have been determined, and a twenty-seventh probably corresponds to the Arabic ظ "A sign for ف probably existed but does not occur in known inscriptions."]

prevailed, and the Ethiopian, like the Greek, wrote from left to right, even as we do at the present day.

The Semitic alphabet, as framed by the Semites upon an Egyptian model, consisted of twenty-two letters, all consonants, which were faithfully retained by the Arameans. The Hebrews long subsequently added one to this number, by distinguishing **W** into **שׁ** *sh* and **שׂ** *s*. The Arabs, who tried to distinguish the finer shades of sounds in writing, required no less than six additional letters; viz. **ث** *ṭ* and **ظ**, as lisping modifications of **ت** *t* and **ط**; **ض** as a modification of **ص**; and **خ** and **غ** as harder forms of **ح** and **ع**. The order of the Syriac alphabet was retained by them in the numerical values of the letters, (أ ب ج د هـ و ز ح ط ي ك ل م ن س ع ف ق ر ش ت ث ظ هـ) ; but the ordinary sequence of the letters was very much altered, chiefly for the sake of bringing similar sounds or similar figures into juxtaposition, e.g. **ب ت ث ج خ**, etc. The Ethiopic alphabet has two letters fewer than the Arabic, or twenty-six in all, owing to the addition of **ኀ** *x* and **ሀ** *h*, which it has in common with the Arabic, and of two *ps*, the one of native origin **Ṗ** *pait*, the other borrowed from the Greek, **Ṭ** *pa*, perhaps originally *psa*. The sequence of the letters differs both from the Hebrew and Arabic: **ሀ ሁ ሂ ሃ ሄ ህ ሆ ሇ ለ ል ሐ ሑ ሒ ሓ ሔ ሕ ለ ሰ ሱ ሴ ስ ሶ ሷ ሸ ሹ ሰ ሱ ሴ ስ ሶ ሷ ሸ ሹ ሰ ሱ ሴ ስ ሶ ሷ ሸ ሹ**.

From what I have just said you will see that I do not regard the ancient Semitic alphabets as adequately representing all the sounds of the Semitic languages. My belief is that the finer shades of utterance were disregarded, and that one sign was in several cases used to represent two cognate sounds. I believe that the lisped dentals of the Arabic, **ث** *ṭ* and **ظ** *ẓ*, and the letter **ض** (as distinguished from **ص**), represent sounds of the proto-semitic tongue. I also think that the stronger gutturals **خ** and **غ**, as distinguished from **ح** and **ع**, belonged to that speech; and that it probably had three sibilants (besides **س** *s* and **ش** *š*), viz. **ሀ** (**ሀ**), **ሁ** (**ሁ**), and **ሂ** = **ሂ**, of which last sound I do not know the peculiar original nuance. De Lagarde¹ and others think that it was originally *ks* or *ksh*, which was gradually softened into *sh* and then into *s*.

¹ [Lagarde, *Symmetica* (Goettingen, 1877), p. 113 sq.]

CHAPTER IV.

THE LETTERS OF THE SEMITIC ALPHABET AND THE CHANGES THEY UNDERGO.

WE will now proceed to examine the letters of this alphabet in detail, and to ascertain, so far as is possible within our present narrow limits, what changes they undergo in the different Semitic languages, more especially in Arabic, Syriac, and Hebrew; so that we may be enabled to compare the words of these languages with one another, not by haphazard, but according to certain fixed rules. For this purpose it will be best to arrange the letters in groups, according to the vocal organs with which they are pronounced.

I. We commence then with the gutturals, which are in Syriac and Hebrew four in number, א, ה, ח, and ע. In Arabic and Ethiopic ח has two representatives, ח and ח; whilst in Arabic ע has two representatives, ع and ع. Most scholars regard the sounds of ع and ع as a later development in Arabic and Ethiopic; but with this view I am not disposed to agree. I believe, on the contrary, that these differences of sound existed from the earliest times, but that the inventors of the Semitic alphabet were not careful to distinguish in writing what seemed to them to be merely different shades of the same sound. That the Hebrew possessed the sound of ع seems certain from the fact that the LXX. expresses ע by γ (i.e. *gh*) in several proper names; e.g. יהוה, Γάλα, عَزْرَة; עַמְּךָ, Γομόρρα; עֶצֶם, Ζόγορα and Σηγώρ, عَزْرَة. Further, Χοδολλογουμόρ = עַמְּךָ, corres-

ponding with an Elamitic *Kûdur-Lâgamar* (a name formed like *Kudur-Mabûg* and *Kudur-nahundi* or *Kudur-nanḥundi*); and Γαῖδάδ for עֵדָד, Genesis iv. 18, where the Massoretic text has (probably incorrectly) עֵדָד. On the contrary, ע is indicated in Greek merely by the *spiritus asper*, and even more frequently the *spiritus lenis*, with a vowel; or in the middle and at the end of a word by a vowel alone; as 'Ηλ, 'Εβραῖος, 'Εβρί; 'Αμαλήκ, 'Εσλίκ; Συμεών, 'Σμεών; Φαραώ, 'Φαράω; Γελαβουέ, 'Γελαβουέ. It is not so easy to prove the existence of ע as distinct from ע in Hebrew, because the Greeks had no precise equivalent for either sound, and expressed them by κ, χ and the soft breathing indifferently. Thus the name of the river חַבּוֹר is in one place Χαβώρας, ἡ χαβώρ, and in another 'Αβώρας ['Αβόρρας, etc.]; חֲרָן, 'חרάν, becomes Χαρράν and Κάρραι; פֶּסַח is transliterated by πάσχα and φασέκ, الفصح. However, the comparison of the cognate languages, particularly Arabic and Assyrian, makes it exceedingly probable that the distinction of ע and ע once existed in Hebrew and Aramaic. Compare חַבֵּל *bind*, حَبَلَ, with חָבֵל *act wickedly*, خَبَلَ *be corrupted, unsound, mad*; חָפֵר *dig*, حَفَرَ, with חִפֵּר *be ashamed, bashful*, خَفِرَ; חָלָל *profane, desecrate*, حَلَّ, حَلَّ, with חָלָל *bore, wound*, خَلَّ¹.

I. Of these gutturals א is the weakest, indicating nothing more than that very slight, almost imperceptible, movement of the vocal organs, which the Greeks represent in writing, though only at the beginning of a word, by the *spiritus lenis*. The Arabs have a special sign for it, viz. the hamza, ء, which they

¹ [For the evidence to a similar effect from the Assyrian see p. 50, *infra*; also Delitzsch, *Prolegomena eines neuen hebräisch-aram. Wörterbuchs zum A. T.* (Leipz. 1886) p. 173 sq.]

write either with or without $\dot{\aleph}$, according to circumstances:

$\dot{\aleph}$ $\dot{\aleph}$ $\dot{\aleph}$, $\dot{\aleph}$ $\dot{\aleph}$ $\dot{\aleph}$. This sign is nothing but the letter ع written small, to show that the *alif* is to be pronounced somewhat like an ع ; which is also indicated by the name *hamsa*, i.e. "compression," viz. of the upper part of the windpipe. In this way the Arabs

readily distinguish the consonant $\dot{\aleph}$ from the long vowel $\dot{\aleph}$ \bar{a} , of which more hereafter. The only thing resembling the *hamsa* in the Hebrew system of punctuation is the single point which appears in our Bibles in a very few cases, and is treated of in our Grammars under the head of *Mappik*; e.g. וַיְבִיֹא Gen. xliii. 26, Ezra viii. 18; וַתְּבִיֹא Lev. xxiii. 17; לֹא רִאִי Job xxxiii. 21; but in some MSS., e.g. the codex Reuchlin, it is quite common.

$\dot{\aleph}$, as a consonant, may be found in Arabic and Hebrew at the beginning or the end of a syllable, and that either at the beginning, middle or end of a word: $\text{مَسَالَة, سَال, أَم, أَلَف}$; $\text{سُول, ذَنْب, رَأْس, يَأْلَف, بَرَّ, شَيْء, سَوَّ}$. Compare in Hebrew, $\text{וַיֵּאָמֶר, מְשַׁלָּה, שָׂאֵל; אִמֵּן, אֲמִי, אֲמַר}$; and with يَأْلَف such cases as וַיֵּאָדָּב Prov. xv. 9 (where others read וַיֵּאָדָּב); וַיֵּאָסֶר Gen. xli. 29; וַיֵּאָשֶׁם Hosca xiii. 1; וַיֵּאָשֶׁם Hosea xiv. 1; מֵאֵפֶלֶיָּה Jerem. ii. 31.—At the beginning of a syllable in the middle of a word, if the preceding consonant have no vowel, $\dot{\aleph}$ is apt to be elided in Arabic, and its vowel transferred to the preceding consonant; e.g. مَلَأَ *mal'ak* becomes مَلَك *malak*; يَرَى (وَيَرَاهُ) becomes يَرِي ; شَمَال becomes شَمَال . Compare in Hebrew מִלְאָךְ , but מִלְאָכָה for מִלְאָכָה ; לְקַרְאֲתִי for לְקַרְאֲתִי ; שְׂמַל for שְׂמַל , and that for שְׂמַל . This is still more common in Aramaic; e.g. מְלָאֲכָן for מְלָאֲכָן , and

with entire disappearance of the \aleph , חֲמֻלָּה for חַמְלָה .—At the end of a syllable in the middle of a word א is very apt to pass into a vowel-letter, and to be brought into conformity with the preceding vowel. Thus רָאֵשׁ *ra's^m* becomes רָאֵס *rās*; דְּחִיבָה *dhi'b^m* becomes דְּחִיב *dhib*; סוּלָם *su'l^m* becomes סוּל *shl*. The usual spelling דְּחִיב , סוּל , is a compromise in writing between the ancient and the modern forms (דְּחִיב : סָל , זָאב). Hebrew, Syriac, and Assyrian, took nearly the same course. An original רָאֵשׁ first became רָאֵשׁ *rāsh* in Hebrew, as in the actual plural רָאֵשִׁים , and then רָאֵשׁ *rāsh*. We should have expected this form to be written רָאֵשׁ , but here the spelling has lagged behind the pronunciation, and the \aleph remains as a vestige of the original form. So also דְּחִיבָה *dhi'b^m*, “sheep,” Hebrew originally צֶאֱן , then צֶאֱן , and finally צֶאֱן *ṣān*. The corresponding Aramaic forms are רִישׁ , רִישׁ , for רָאֵשׁ , and עֶן , עֶן for דְּחִיבָה . In Assyrian I find cited such forms as *rēshu* or *rīshu*, *ṣānu* or *ṣīnu*.—Initial \aleph is often dropped at the beginning of words, when pronounced with a short vowel; e.g. נֶחֱנֹה for אֶנְחֹה ; אֶחָד , אֶחָד (Heb. אֶחָד , אֶחָד); אֶנֶשׁ for אֶנֶשׁ (Assyr. *nīshu*); אֶחָד = אֶחָד ; אֶחָד = אֶחָד ; plur. אֶחָד = אֶחָד ; אֶחָד = אֶחָד . Similarly in vulgar Arabic, أَحَد for أَحَد , أَكَلَ for أَكَلَ , أَحَد for أَحَد . *Per contra*, an initial \aleph with its vowel may be merely prosthetic, to lighten the pronunciation of an unpleasant combination of consonants, especially in foreign words; e.g. أَوْرُوع for أَوْرُوع ; أَوْرُوع for أَوْرُوع ; أَوْرُوع for أَوْرُوع (Eth. ጥጥር *ṭmālēm*, أَوْرُوع for أَوْرُوع).

מִיעָנָא, and in the Punic or later Phoenician of Africa, where we find יַר for יַעַר *wood*, as הַדְרִשִּׁם שִׁיר (inscr. of Tugga), confirmed by S. Augustine on Ps. cxxiii.—Of the Aramaic substitution of ע for Arabic ض, Hebrew פ, I shall speak hereafter.

It would appear from this short survey of the gutturals, that they were exceedingly apt in the younger Semitic dialects to be confused with one another, and to disappear altogether. In Ethiopic MSS. there is usually no distinction observed between U, Ḥ, Ḳ, on the one side and Ḷ, O, on the other; modern Amharic pronounces them all as Ḷ at the beginning of a word, and slurs them over in the middle or at the end. Similar is the case of the Samaritan. In modern Syriac ס is very feeble, and ש scarcely heard at all; and in Mandaitic there is absolutely no distinction between א, ע, on the one hand and ה, ח, on the other. The Talmūd too writes א for ע and ה for ח in not a few words; e.g. א (with following *daghesi*) for עַל; אָבָא (not אֶבָא) *wood*,

for עֵבֶא, חָטָא, גָּבֵא; אָזַל for עָזַל, גָּזַל *spin*; אֲנִיקָא = عُنُق *neck*;

אֲרָבָא *willow*, עֲרָבִים, גָּרַב, אֲרַבְלָא *sieve*, חָטָל, גְּרִיבָל (*cribrum*,

*cribellum*¹); אֲרַבְלָא, תִּמְלָא *sieve*, אֲרַבְלָא, תִּמְלָא *sieve*, אֲרַבְלָא, תִּמְלָא *sieve*,

מִנְחָל. It is related that the Babylonian rabbi Haiyā was held guilty of blasphemy for pronouncing, in Isaiah viii. 17, חֲפִיתִי לְיְהוָה הַמִּסְתִּיר פָּנָיו with ח instead of חֲפִיתִי with ח (פָּנָיו) with ח. In Assyrian there is obviously no difference in sound between א ה and ע, nor any way of distinguishing them from one another in writing; e.g. *ilu*, "god," *ish'alū*, "they asked," *māṣa'u*, "exit"; *la'abu*, "flame," *tī'āmtu*, "sea," *dāru*, "eternity," *nāru*, "river"; *ussu*, "strong," *sāru* or *sīru*, "seed," *ishmī*, "he heard," *rīmu*, "thunder." Neither has غ any distinct sound or representative, as *usālu*, "gazelle," *ārību*, "raven."

¹ [Lagarde, *Armenische Studien*, p. 65, No. 976; but see also Fränkel, *Aram. Fremdw. im Arab.* (Leiden 1886), p. 91.]

² [TB. Meg. 24 b.]

𐤒 has likewise sunk to the same level, e.g. *rāimu*, "loving," *rēmu*, "grace," *imēru* or *imīru*, "ass," *apli*, "I opened," *rūku*, "distant, remote." But 𐤒 has preserved its sound and is represented by a special sign; e.g. *khītu*, "sin," *khamilti*, "five," *akhu*, "brother," *amkhas*, "I destroyed," "defeated," *arkhu*, "month." In this case the comparison of the Assyrian may be important for Hebrew lexicography, as shewing us the distinction between 𐤒 and 𐤒 in this language. E.g., as Friedrich Delitzsch has pointed out in his little book *The Hebrew Language viewed in the Light of Assyrian Research* [London 1883], 𐤒𐤒𐤕, *to open*, Assy. *ipli*, "he opened," is quite different from 𐤒𐤒𐤕 *carving, engraving*, Assy. *iptakh*, "he carved." So too 𐤒𐤕𐤕, *sailor*, is in Assy. *malākh* or *mallākh* (with 𐤒), and has nothing to do with 𐤒𐤕𐤕 "salt." It is said to be a word borrowed from the Accadian.

II. Advancing from the gutturals, we next encounter, in the order of the organs of speech, the so-called palatals, 𐤒, 𐤒, 𐤒. These interchange freely with one another in the different dialects. E.g., in Hebrew itself the radicals 𐤒𐤒 and 𐤒𐤒; סג and סג; also Syriac ܣܓ and ܣܓ; further 𐤒𐤒 and 𐤒𐤒; 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒 *almond tree*, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒; 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒 *truth*, 𐤒𐤒, but Mand. ܣܓ; 𐤒𐤒 *archer*, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒 and 𐤒𐤒. In Mandaitic the interchange of 𐤒 with 𐤒 is very frequent, under the influence of a neighbouring 𐤒 or 𐤒; as 𐤒𐤒 [gaiṭā] = 𐤒𐤒 *summer*, and so in the radicals 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, for 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒 *break off (a branch)* = 𐤒𐤒 (comp. 𐤒𐤒 in Joel i. 7: 𐤒𐤒 𐤒𐤒 𐤒𐤒 𐤒𐤒). More rarely does 𐤒 exchange with 𐤒; e.g. 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒 and 𐤒𐤒, 𐤒𐤒.

جَلَبْتُ, and جَلَبْتُ *be angry*; جَلَبْتُ and جَلَبْتُ, *outcry*; جَدَفَ and جَدَفَ (dial.), *row*¹.

1. ج is hard in Hebrew, Aramaic, Assyrian, and Ethiopic, like our *g* in *go, give, get*; in Arabic its sound varies, for the Syrians pronounce it soft, like *g* in *gem*, whereas in Egypt and parts of Arabia the hard sound is retained, جَبَل, رَجُل. The Hebrew and Aramaic, however, modified its sound, when immediately preceded by a vowel (however slight), into one much resembling that of the Greek γ between two strong vowels, as γαῖος, or the Arabic غ. Indeed, when writing Arabic with Hebrew letters, the Jews generally use ג to represent غ. Modern Syriac gives unaspirated ܓ the sound of *dy* or *j* in a few roots, such as ܕܝܢܝܐ *dyāniū* or *jāniū* (ܝܢܝܐ) "steal, carry off"; ܕܝܡܠܐ *dyūmla* or *jūmla*, "camel." In a very few cases the Arabic soft *g* has been still further softened into *sh*; e.g., in Egypt the word *wishsh*, "face," apparently = وَجْه. Similarly the old grammarian al-G'awālīkī mentions تَشْتَر as a faulty pronunciation of تَجْتَر, "it chews the cud".

2. چ is also hard in Hebrew, Aramaic, Assyrian, Arabic and Ethiopic, like our *k*, as كَتَبَ, خَلَبَ, ܟܬܒܐ. The Hebrew and Aramaic modify its sound, after a vowel, into one closely resembling that of the Arabic غ, as ܟܬܒܐ, ܟܬܒܐ (but Arabic يَكْتُب). Hence, when a Jew writes Arabic with Hebrew letters, he uses כ for غ.—In modern Syriac unaspirated ܟ is said to have the sound of *ty* or *ch*, e.g., ܬܝܠܒܐ *tyalbā* or *chalbā*; ܡܠܬܝܐ *maltyā* or *malchā*; ܬܝܥܦܐ *tyappā* or *chappā*.—In modern Arabic

¹ [These last seem to be loan-words, Fränkel, p. 227.]

² [Livre des locutions vicieuses, p. 145, in *Morgenl. Forschungen*, Leipzig, 1875.]

ك is also softened dialectically into a sound like that of *ts* or *tsk*, sometimes of *dj* or *g*; as كَانِب **ātib* or **ātib*, حَكِيم *haḡīm*, كَامِل *ḡāmil*.—In some Amharic words the old Ethiopic *k* has been aspirated, *kh*, and finally becomes *h*, e.g. *hōna*, “to become,” for *kōna*, كَان *kān*; *hūlū*, “all,” for *kwēllū*, كَل *kāl*. Perhaps this may help us to connect such a form as Ar. أَيَا *īyā*, with Eth. ነያ *kīyā*.

3. *p* in the older dialects is a *k* pronounced far back in the mouth, or rather, deep in the throat. In our English alphabet its lineal representative is *q*. In some Arabic dialects it takes the sound of *dsh* or *ds*, sometimes of *ch* or *t*; e.g. قَبِيلَه *dshiblē* or *dsiblē*, قَرِيب *dsarīb*, عَقِيل **adsil*, قَائِد *ēā'id*, مَرْقَه *sirtā*. But its ordinary sound, throughout Arabia and Africa, is that of a hard *g*. This too is common in the modern forms of Ethiopic, whence *Magdalā* for *Maḡdalā*, ጠጭዳ *tagābbala* for *taḡābbala*. In parts of Syria and Egypt, on the other hand, as well as in Amharic, *p* is apt to be converted into *ḡ*. A Syrian Christian says 'ult, 'a'ul, for قُلْتُ, أَقُول; and a native of Shoa pronounces *ta'ābbala* instead of *tagābbala* or *taḡābbala*. The Egyptian railway station Zagazig is written زازيق *Zaḡāsīḡ*, pronounced either *Zagāsīḡ* or *Za'āsī'*; the word *ḡaḡīḡ* حَقِيقِي becomes *ḡa'ī'ī*.

III. We next come to the dentals ד, ת, ט, which are common to all the old languages: e.g.

דָּב, דָּבָה: Ass. <i>dubbu</i> ,	דָּב,	דָּבָה;
יָד, יָדָה: Ass. <i>idu</i> (power),	יָד,	יָדָה;
תָּחַת, תָּחַתָּה:	תָּחַת,	תָּחַתָּה;
טָיִשׁ,	טָיִשׁ,	טָיִשׁ;

very little difference is perceptible between them, particularly at the end of words. For instance, the particle *bit*, which forms the future tense (ܒܝܬ ܒܝܬ) is a contraction for ܒܝܬ, but usually written ܒܝܬ; the imperative of ܡܠܟ, "to do," is written and pronounced ܡܠܟ *vut*, for ܡܠܟ; ܡܝܢܝܬ ܝܫܗ is pronounced nearly as *minnit ishō*; the old Syriac ܡܝܢܝܬ ܝܫܗ is pronounced and actually written ܡܝܢܝܬ ܝܫܗ.—Lastly, I may mention that the hard ܬ and ܕ of the ancient Ethiopic are changed in Amharic, in certain cases [where *y* or *i* follows], into *ty* or *ch*, and *dy* or *j*; e.g., in the 3rd pers. sing. fem. perf. of the verb *nabarach* "she was" (for ܢܒܪܚܬ: *nabarat* "she sat," compare Spanish *ser*, for *seer*, *sedere*); ܕܝ for ܕܝ: *ēd* "hand," *wallāj* for ܡܠܟ: *wallādī* "father."

Thus far I have spoken chiefly of the pure ܬ, ܢ, ܕ, which remain unchanged in all the old Semitic languages, and undergo comparatively slight alterations in the modern dialects, such changes depending mainly upon the aspiration of these letters in the older forms. Now, however, I must touch upon another set of modified dentals, which undergo in the old languages themselves a regular series of permutations.

Besides the simple dentals ܬ *t*, ܕ *d*, ܢ *n*, the old Arabic possesses a series of aspirated or lisped dentals, ܬ *th*, ܕ *dh*, ܢ *ph*. These formed, I have no doubt, part of the protosemitic stock of sounds, which has been preserved in Arabic alone. In the other Semitic languages they underwent various modifications.

The Arameans, as a rule, dropped the difficult lisped sound altogether, and fell back upon the simple dental; e.g. ܢܒܪܚ ܢܒܪܚ *break*, ܡܠܟ ܡܠܟ *plough*, ܕܝܢܝܬ ܕܝܢܝܬ; ܡܠܟ ܡܠܟ, ܡܠܟ ܡܠܟ, ܡܠܟ ܡܠܟ. The other Semites took a different course, modifying the lisped letter into a sibilant. In Phœnician and Hebrew

ث became *sh*, in Ethiopic and Assyrian ḥ *s*¹; e.g. שׁוּר, שׁוּר, ḥC: Ass. *sūr*; ثَقْل, ثَقْل, ḥC: (hang up), Ass. *isḫul* (hang up, weigh); ثوم *garlic*, שׁוּם, ḥC: Ass. *sūmu*; حَرَتْ, חֲרַת, ḥC: ; ثَمَر, ḥC: (abundant crop). Similarly ḏ became in all these languages *s*; e.g. ذَبَح, ذَبַח, ḥC: Ass. *zibu* (for *zibḥu*); اَنْس, אֲנַס, ḥC: Ass. *usnu*; اَخَذ, אֲחַז, ḥC: Finally, ḭ appears in the other languages as *z*, *ṣ*; e.g. ظَلَمَ, צִלְמַח, ḥC: Ass. *šalmu*, "dark"; ظَلَّ, צִל, ḥC: Ass. *šillu* and *šalūlu*; ظَفَر, ظَفَر, ḥC: Ass. *šupru*; نَظَرَ, נָצַר, ḥC: Of course, as every rule has its exceptions, these series are occasionally liable to disturbances. For instance ثَنَا *cucumber*, פְּתָנָא, ḥC: Ass. *ḫisṣi*, ought by rule to be in Aramaic פְּתָנָא; but the actual form is פְּתָנָא, the proximity of *p* having hardened the *t*.

Of the Aramaic dialects some have advanced to the Hebrew stage, at least in sporadic instances. In the great inscription of Taimā, for example, we find וי for די, ון and its fem. ון for דן and דא; and the same forms occur in the Egyptian Aramaic inscriptions and papyri. In Mandaitic there are not only pronominal and adverbial forms of this kind, as הַאִין, fem. הַאִין (but הַאִין *this is*, and occasionally הַאִין); הַאִין = הַאִין *then*; הַאִין, as well as הַאִין, *how?* but also a few other words, as וַאכְרָא or וַאכְרָא, *male*, וַאכְרָא or וַאכְרָא, *offering* (but וַאכְרָא *offerer*, וַאכְרָא *altar*), וַאכְרָא *beard*, and very strangely וַאכְרָא as well as וַאכְרָא, *palm tree*, and וַאכְרָא as well as וַאכְרָא, *blood*.

¹ [Of the two forms of *s* which are distinguished in Assyrian writing, though they seem to have ultimately come to be pronounced alike, the one which corresponds to ث = שׁ is that which Schrader and Delitzsch represent by *š*, while Sayce and other English scholars render it by simple *s*. See below, p. 58.]

Among the modern dialects the Arabic alone calls for notice. Generally speaking, it has adopted the same course as the old Aramaic, i.e. it retrogrades by changing the lisped into the simple dental; e.g. تَوْر *tör*, "ox," كَتِير *ketir*, اِتْنَنْ *itm̄n*, شُكَّات *šc̄kat*, "beggar." More rarely it advances the *th* to a sibilant, *s*, as سِبْت *sibit* = ثَبَّت *bāḥis* = بَاَحَت (argue, dispute), خَبَّاب *khabbās* = خَبَاب (scoundrel). The word حَدِيث in the sense of *narrative, story*, is pronounced in Egypt *ḥadit*, but in the sense of "religious tradition," *ḥadīs*. Even in ancient Arabic we occasionally find *t* for *th*, as in تَبَرَّ = ثَبَّر, تَاب *repent*¹ = ثَاب *return*. Similarly lisped *ḏ* seems to become in modern Arabic either *d* or *s*; e.g. دَبَّ = ذَبَّ, دَاهَب = ذَهَب, أَدَان = أَذَان, كِدَب and كِسَب = كَذَب, اِسْن = اِنْس, سَكَّر = ذَكَر (recitation), سَامَب = ذَنَب. In like manner ط is pronounced either *d* (ض) or *s*, e.g. اَدَم = عَظَم, دِلَّ = ظَل, دَالِمَا = ظَلَمَة, زُلْم = ظَلَم, دُحْر = ظَهْر, سَاهَر = ظَهْر, حِفْظ = حَفْظ².

IV. The sibilants next engage our attention, viz. **š**, **ḡ**, **ṣ** (**ṣ̣**, **ṣ̥**), and **ṣ̌**.

1. Pure *s* runs through all the Semitic languages, as زَرْع, זָרַע, אֶרֶץ, Ass. *stru* or *stru*, "seed"; عَزَّ, עָזַר, אֶזְרָא, Ass. *issu*, "strong." But Eth. *H*, Heb. *z*, and Ass. *s*, often correspond, as we have seen above, to Arab. ز and Aram. ז; as ذَنْب, זָנַב, חֵזַק, חֵזַק: *hyaena*, זָנַב.

¹ [In this sense and form the word is a loanword from the Aramaic ܥܕܐ , see Fränkel, *Lehmnw.* p. 83.]

• [The distinctive sound of **ب** is preserved in some parts of the Hijāz.]

2. The Aramaic possesses two *s*-sounds, 𐤎 *s* and 𐤌 *sh*, to which correspond Arabic س *s* and ش *sh*, Ethiopic ሰ and ሠ, which latter are, however, confounded in modern times. The Hebrew has also ס = 𐤎, but splits 𐤌 into שׁ *sh* and שׂ *s*, the latter of which approximates to ס, and is often confounded with it; e.g. פֶּעַשׂ and פֶּעַס; רָפָשׁ and רָפָס; שְׁבִלֹת for סְבִלֹת in Eccl. i. 17. Hence, by a further confusion of sounds, the Ephraimite סבֿלֿת for שְׁבֿלֿת (intermediate stage, שְׁבֿלֿת).

The Assyrian appears also to have had two *s*-sounds, though Assyriologists seem to differ on the question of their pronunciation. Haupt, for example, evidently distinguishes between an Assyrian *s* = Hebrew ש, and an Assyrian *sh* = Hebrew שׁ, but holds that these were gradually confounded, as in Ethiopic, so that both came to be *s*. As for the Assyrian sound corresponding to the Hebrew ד, Haupt holds that it was *sh*. On the contrary, Schrader and others seem to maintain that the Hebrew ד is in Assyrian *s*, and that the other letter is *sh*, š. See Schrader's article in the *Monatsberichte der Berliner Akademie*, 5 March 1877; Hommel, *Zwei Jagdinschriften Assurbanibal's*, 1879; and Haupt's "Beiträge zur assyrischen Lautlehre" in the *Nachrichten der königl. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen*, 25 April, 1883, especially p. 107, note 2¹.

¹ [In Schrader's system of transcription *s* is the Assyrian consonant that corresponds etymologically to Hebrew **ס** and **שׁ** that which corresponds to Hebrew **שׂ**. Similarly Delitzsch, *Ass. Gr.* p. 106, recognises an Assyrian *s*=Hebrew **ס** and an *š* which etymologically considered is of threefold nature, viz. *š*₁=**שׁ**, **שׂ**; *š*₂=**שׁ**, **שׂ**; *š*₃=**שׁ**, **שׂ**. In many English books on the other hand, e.g. in those of Sayce, Schrader's *š* is written *s*, while his *s* is *š*. Prof. Wright abstains, it will be observed, from expressing any opinion of his own on the controverted question of the pronunciation of the sibilants, and his MS. presents variations which shew that he had not come to a final decision as to the best way of transcribing them. See above, p. 13, l. 19 where *s* in *sarap* is the consonant which Schrader and Delitzsch represent by *š*, and

As a rule, 𐤎 = 𐤎 = 𐤎 = 𐤎; as

𐤎	𐤎	𐤎:	𐤎
𐤎	𐤎	𐤎:	𐤎

but there are exceptions [perhaps merely graphical], as

𐤎𐤎𐤎 [for 𐤎𐤎] but 𐤎𐤎𐤎.

Hebrew 𐤎, as a general rule, corresponds to Arabic ش; and vice versâ, Arabic س corresponds to Hebrew 𐤎. The Aramaic follows the Hebrew, writing of course 𐤎 for 𐤎. E.g.

(1)	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎: Assy. šibu (grey-haired)
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	„ šumēlu (-lu)
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	„ irsu, ēršu
(2)	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎:
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎:
	𐤎	𐤎	𐤎	

similarly p. 56, l. 2 sqq., whereas on p. 14, l. 23 š is used in Schrader's sense. Elsewhere he writes š with 𐤎 above it, but on the whole he seems finally to have inclined to use š in Schrader's sense whenever it was desirable to indicate a distinction between the two forms of the sibilant. For the sake of uniformity this mode of transcription will be adopted in the following pages, without reference to variations in the MS., which would doubtless have been removed had Prof. Wright lived to see his work through the press.]

לִשָּׁן לִשְׁנָא אִנָּה: Assyrt. *lišānu*

רֹאשׁ רִישׁ רִישׁ אִנָּה: „ *rēšu, rišu*

These rules are not, however, invariably observed. E.g.

שָׁלוֹם but [as a loanword] שָׁלוֹם (not שָׁלוֹם)

שָׁמֶשׁ but שָׁמֶשׁ (not שָׁמֶשׁ, except in some modern dialects), Assyrian *šamšu*.

There is another Hebrew ש, which corresponds to an Aramaic ז, Arabic ذ, Ethiopic ḏ, Assyrian 𐤔 [ḏ], of which I gave some examples above. Add :

שָׁלַג שָׁלַג שָׁלַג *šalgu*

שָׁלַח שָׁלַח שָׁלַח אִנָּה:

שָׁדַח שָׁדַח שָׁדַח אִנָּה: *u'addiš*

ש and ש, as well as 𐤔, may occasionally interchange with 𐤕, e.g. שָׁחַח, Eth. ሠሐፋ: or ሠሐፋ: , שָׁחַח; שָׁחַח, שמחה, Eth. ሐሐወ: (womb), Talm. שָׁחַח and שָׁחַח (fat of the intestines), Mand. שָׁחַח; שָׁחַח, שָׁחַח, ሠሐፋ: ; שָׁחַח, שָׁחַח.

𐤔 is frequently changed into 𐤕 under the influence of a following 𐤔, and in Arabic of a ق غ خ or ر; as مَطَرٌ, مَطَرٌ, مَقَبٌ (“young camel,” “tent pole”), مَقَبٌ; especially in foreign words with *st*, as שָׁחַח or שָׁחַח.

Very curious is the change in Assyrian of ḏ into ḏ before a dental; e.g. *aḏur* or *aḏur* (שָׁחַח), *maḏītu* or *malītu* (drink, שָׁחַח), *khamīṣti* or *khamīlīti* (five, שָׁחַח), *lubuṣtu* or *lubultu* (dress, שָׁחַח). It appears, however, to be thoroughly well established.

Lastly, it would seem that an initial *s* may in certain cases interchange with 𐤕, and later with 𐤔. This is most obvious in

the verbal form **مَصَلَّ**, Heb. **הִפְעִיל**, Ar. **أَفْعَلَ**, Aram. **أَصَلَّ**; and in the pronouns of the 3rd pers., Ass. **šū**, f. **ši**, pl. **šunu**, f. **šina**; in the suffix forms **šu**, **ša**, pl. **šunu**, **šina**. The Hīmyaritic offers us a suffix form **ሀ**, pl. **ሀ**, as well as **ሀ**, pl. **ሀ**. The other Semitic languages have all the *h*-form, except the modern Mehri, which has, according to von Maltzan¹, masc. *he*, f. *se*, pl. *hēm*, f. *sen*; as suffixes *he*, f. *es*, pl. *hum*, f. *senū*. Such cases as **سَلَكَ**, **هَلَكَ**, **هَلَك**, are very rare, and may either be accidental or capable of some other explanation.

3. We have already seen that **š** may be weakened into the other sibilants **š**, **ṣ**, **ṣ**; and we have also shown that it corresponds in Ethiopic, Phoenician, Hebrew, and Assyrian, to the Arabic **ظ**, which is represented in Aramaic by **ܣ**, **ܥ**. One or two additional examples may not be superfluous.

צָבִי	Assyr. <i>šabītu</i> ,	ظَبِي	مُصَنِّ
צָבִי		ظَهَر	مُסִן
צָעַן <i>migrate</i> (Is. 33. 20)	}	ظَعَن	مَنَظ
מָעַן <i>load</i>		<i>travel</i>	<i>load</i> <i>carry</i> .

I now remark that **š** in Hebrew may correspond

(a) To Arabic **ص**, Ethiopic **Ṣ**, Assyrian **ṣ**, Aramaic **ܣ**; as

צָד	صَادَ	isūd	ṣ
אֶצְבַּע	أَصْبَعَ	ṣumbu (for ṣubbu = ṣub'u)	ṣ
בְּצָלִים	بَصَلَ	ṣ	ṣ
נָצַב	نَصَبَ		ṣ

(b) To Arabic **ض**, Ethiopic **Ṣ**, Assyrian **ṣ**, Aramaic **ܣ**; as

צָרָה	ضَرَّة	ṣ	ṣ
צָרָה		ṣ	ṣ

¹ [ZDMG., vol. xxv. (1871) p. 200 sq.]

צָק	צָק		חַס
צָנָן	צָנָן	<i>šānu, šīnu</i>	חָנָן
	פֶּרֶס	θCn :	חֶמָּה
רָצִין	רָצִין		רָצָה
פָּצִין	פָּצִין		פָּצָה
יָצָא		UθA : <i>ūṣī</i> ("he escaped") part. <i>āṣū</i>	יָצָא
רָצִי	רָצִי		רָצִי ("satisfied")
בִּיצָה	בִּיצָה	<i>biṣu</i>	בִּיצָה
אָרֶץ	אָרֶץ	<i>irṣitu</i> (ār-)	אָרֶץ

If another *y* follows in the word, then this Aramaic *y* is commonly weakened into *N*; e.g.

צָלַע	צָלַע	<i>šilu</i> (for <i>šillu, šil'u</i>)	צָלַע	צָלַע
צִי הַצְלָעִים	צִי הַצְלָעִים		צִי הַצְלָעִים	צִי הַצְלָעִים
	עָרַץ		עָרַץ	עָרַץ
	עָרַץ		עָרַץ	עָרַץ
עָרַץ	עָרַץ		עָרַץ	עָרַץ
עָרַץ	עָרַץ		עָרַץ	עָרַץ
עָרַץ	עָרַץ	Assyr. <i>iṣṣu</i>	עָרַץ	עָרַץ

There are however some exceptions to this rule; e.g.

צָמַד	צָמַד	θCθ :	צָמַד
נָפַץ	נָפַץ	ṯCθ : "to be scattered, flee" (with ṯ, not θ)	נָפַץ

רצין	רִצַּן		רִצַּן
	עֲרִצַּן		עֲרִצַּן
	גִּמְצַן		גִּמְצַן
	זִרְעַן	Assyr. <i>siru</i>	זִרְעַן
	זִרְקַן		זִרְקַן
חמץ	חֲמִצַּן		חֲמִצַּן and חֲמִצַּן
	מִרְצַן		מִרְצַן
	מִרְצַן	with מ, not ר	מִרְצַן
	מִרְצַן		מִרְצַן

In such cases some of the younger dialects seem to be, as it were, faintly conscious of their loss, and strive to make good the defect in different ways. Sometimes a *q*, or the combination *aq*, takes the place of the *ʿ*; as in אֲרִקָּא for אֲרִעָּא (Jerem. x. 11), Mand. אֲקִנָּא for אֲעָנָא, אֲקִמָּא for אֲעָמָא. Occasionally the same thing happens in the case of a simple *ʿ*, as עֲפִרָּא, עֲפִרָּא, Mand. אֲפִרָּא, but also אֲקִמָּא, and even אֲנִמָּא. At other times a *l* appears upon the scene; e.g. صَغَطَ "to press, squeeze," *be oppressed*, instead of *أَحَدَ*; *صَحَكَ*, Syriac *ܠܫܢܐ*, Talm. *לִחֵךְ*, for *לִשֵׁן*. This last word, owing to the difficulty of its utterance, undergoes some curious modifications. The regular Aramaic form is found in Talmudic and Mandaitic, viz. *לִחֵךְ* (not *Afel*), *לִחֵכִית*, "I laughed"; but also *לִחֵךְ* (*לִחֵךְ*), and even *לִחֵךְ*. Something similar occurs in Syriac with the word *أَحَفَ*, *أَحَفَ*, whence are formed the secondary radicals *أَحَفَ* and *أَحَفَ*.

¹ [This example is however disputed by G. Hoffmann, *ZDMG.*, xxxii. 762.]

² [See however Fränkel, *Fremdw.*, p. 183.]

زَنْت "pitch"; حَنْجَلٌ for حَنْجَلٌ; حَنْجَلٌ for حَنْجَلٌ; even when a vowel intervenes, as Mand. פת for פת, פתולא for פתולא.

2. *b* and *m*: מֶכֶן, פֶּחֶן.

أَصْنَا: حَسَنٌ, زَمَانٌ or زَمَنٌ, إِمْنٌ.

The Arab grammarians mention such cases as مَكَّة for مَكَّة, مَا أَسْمَكْتُ for مَا أَسْمَكْتُ; and the like. In Ḥimyaritic בִּן stands for בִּן, *who*, and בִּן for בִּן, *from*.

A slight aspiration of *b* and *p* modifies these sounds into *v* and *f*. Hebrew and Aramaic have both sounds, the latter after a vowel, and indicate the difference merely by points. Arabic and Ethiopic have only *b* and *f*; Assyrian only *b* and *p*. The sound of *p* is one of extreme difficulty to an Arab. The Ethiopic ḥ *p* and ṭ *p* (or *ps*) are in native words usually modifications of an original *b*, sometimes of an *f*.

(1) نَجَبًا, حَبَلًا; يَنْبِذُهُ, يَنْبِذُهُ;

נִבְּזָה: נִבְּזָה; יִבְּכִי בְּכִי

(2) פָּרָה, פָּרָה;

פָּרָה: פָּרָה; פָּרָה: פָּרָה;

In modern Syriac, I may remark, *f* is generally hardened into *p*, as مَلْطَانٌ *malpanā* for مَلْطَانٌ. The modern Ethiopic dialects, on the contrary, such as Tigrīña and Amharic, possess the aspirated *b*, or *v*.

In Assyrian an original *m* passes into aspirated *b*, or *v*, as in *argamānu* or *argavānu*, "purple," Heb. אֲרָגָמָן, Aram. אֲרָגָן; *surmēnu* or *survēnu*, "a sort of cypress," Aram. שִׁרְיָנָא, שִׁרְיָנָא, modern Arabic شَرْبِين; *arakh-lamnu* (*samnu*), "eighth month,"

¹ [The Arabic is a loanword, Fränkel p. 151.]

or *šavmu* (*savmu*), Heb. מַרְחֶשֶׁן. These two letters, *m* and *v*, are not distinguished from each other in Assyrian writing.

The aspirated *b* and *p*, that is to say *v* and *f*, are liable to undergo a further change, viz. into *w* (ו, ʋ). Examples of this are comparatively rare in the older dialects; e.g. חֻמְבָּל, בֹּרְבָב, חֻמְבָּל, בֹּרְבָב, for בֹּרְבָב, חֻמְבָּל; רִבְרִבִּין, רִבְרִבָּא, for רִבְרִבָּא, רִבְרִבָּא; רִבְרִבִּין, רִבְרִבָּא, but Hiph. רִבְרִבִּין, רִבְרִבָּא. In some of the modern dialects, on the contrary, this change is common. We find it, for instance, in Amharic, e.g. ሰው: *saw*, "man," for ሰለ: *sabē*; ነባረ: *navāra* and ነረ: *nōra* (for *navra*, *naura*). But especially is it common in modern Syriac, where aspirated *b* is constantly treated as = *o*, *w*, and often wholly disappears; e.g. ܐܝܢܐ *šōnā*, "time"; ܓܕܪܐ *gōrā*, "husband"; ܕܝܠܫܐ *diššā*, "honey"; ܬܝܢܐ *tišnā*, "straw"; ܡܠܐ for ܡܠܬܐ *khūlā*, "debt"; ܡܠܐ for ܡܠܬܐ *khūyā*, "darkness"; ܡܠܐ for ܡܠܬܐ *shūk*, "let alone," "pardon." The same remarks apply to *f*, in the few cases in which it is not hardened into *p*; e.g. ܢܫܐ *nōshā*, for ܢܫܐ; ܪܫܐ *rūshā*, "winnowing shovel," for ܪܫܐ.

A curious change in Arabic is that of *th* into *f*; e.g. ثُمَّ, "then," فَمَ ; ثوم, "garlic," فوم ; ثَرْدُ , "interstice" (between the crosshandles of a bucket), فَرْدُ ; ثَمَّ , "stuttering, stammering," فَمَّ ; ثَدَامَ , "a cloth used as a strainer," فَدَامَ ; عَائِلٌ , "calamity," مَغْفُورٌ and مَغْفُورٌ , "sweet sap" or "gum" issuing from certain plants ; جَدْفٌ , "a tomb" (connected with جَدْفٌ , "a stook"). Compare the substitution of *f* in Russian for the Greek *θ*; e.g. *Feodor* for *Theodore*, *Afinui* for *Athens*, etc.

VI. The liquids ל, נ, ר, and the letter מ, interchange freely.

(1) ל with נ, and vice versa: לשנה and נחש; נחש and נשכה; אלהים and נסון; Talmud. נהן and נרן; נשכה and נשכה.

אֲרִמֶלֶת, אֲנִמְלָא, אֲלִמְרָה, with ר, and vice versa: (2)
 מַעֲלָא, אֲחִלָּא, Ethioptic plur. מַעֲלָא, מַעֲלָא, מַעֲלָא, מַעֲלָא
 (for מַעֲלָא); Mand. תִּאֲרִמִּירָא for לִחְצִימָן, and כִּאֲלֹחָא for
 סִינָא, חֲרִצָּא, but Aram. חֲרִצָּא, חֲרִצָּא, חֲרִצָּא, חֲרִצָּא.

(3) נ with ר, and vice versa: נָרַר and אָרַר; מָמַן and אָמַם; נָנַם and אָנַם.

[illegible]

Final \square and γ are apt to fall away:—

(1) In the *construct* state of nouns dual and plural.

(2) In the *absolute* plural of nouns, not only in Talmudic, Mandaic, and modern Syriac, but also in Assyrian, where we have such plurals as *malki* "kings," *ili* "gods," *pagri* "bodies".

¹ [But see *Journ. of Phil.* xiv. 115.]

^a [Probably from a Persian word *niddna*; Nöld. in *G. G. A.* 1884, p. 1021.]

³ [Or also, according to Haupt and Delitzsch, *mal'k* etc.]

More usually an initial *w* in Arabic and Ethiopic has been changed into *y* in Hebrew and Aramaic. The priority of the *w* is proved by its reappearance in various derived forms of the verb and noun, as we shall see hereafter.

וְלַד	וּלְד:	וְלַד	וְלַד	וְלַד
וְהָב	וּוּח:	וְהָב	וְהָב, יב	וְהָב and וְהָב
וְהָב	וּוּח:	וְהָב		
וְהָב		וְהָב		
וְהָב		וְהָב		

The original initial *w* rarely appears in Hebrew and Aramaic, as וְלַד or וְלַד (if correct); [post-Biblical] וְהָב, וְהָב; וְהָב, וְהָב; and in some cases where it has been protected by a preceding consonant, as in the Hithpa^{al} forms וְהָב, וְהָב, וְהָב.

The fate of the initial *y* in Aramaic is worthy of further notice. In Biblical Aramaic and some other dialects we find *y*, as וְהָב, וְהָב. In Syriac this letter is vocalised and becomes *ē*, written in older times *ē*, more recently *y* only, as וְהָב, וְהָב (whence וְהָב, וְהָב). Modern Syriac, however, simply drops the initial *y*; as וְהָב *stwd*, "sitting"; וְהָב, "they burned." Mandaitic follows the ancient Syriac in the Pē'al form of the verb and similar cases; as וְהָב = וְהָב = וְהָב; עֵית or עֵית = וְהָב, עֵית = וְהָב; but drops the *y* in the Ethpe'el, as עֵית = וְהָב, עֵית = וְהָב.

In Assyrian the initial *y* of Hebrew and Aramaic is displaced, we are told, by *ā*. We find, for example, *āmu*, "day"; *idu*,

¹ [*y* in Mandaitic is a mere vowel-letter and represents initial *e* or *i*.]

"hand," Eth. $\lambda\mu$:; *arkhu*, "month," ܐܪܚܝܐ , ܐܪܚܝܐ ; *asib* "he dwells, dwelling," ܐܫܒ ; *asn*, "going out," ܐܫܢ ; *alidtu*, *alittu*, "bearing," ܐܠܝܕܬܐ , ܐܠܝܕܬܐ ; *akru*, "costly," ܐܟܪܐ . Nor is this dislike of the sound of initial *y* or *w* confined to Assyrian. Even the Arabs were prone to change initial *wu* and *wi* into *'u* and *'i*; and the combination *wawā* is always modified at the beginning of a word into *'awā*. So in the Kor'ān we find أَقْنَت for وَقْنَت ; further, وَسَاد for أَسَاد , "cushion"; وَشَاح for أَشَاح , "belt"; وَوَاصِل for أَوَاصِل , plural of وَاصِلَة , "connecting link, proximate cause"; وَوَاقِي for أَوَاقِي , plural of وَاقِيَة , whether in the sense of "guard" or of "ounce." Hence we see at once the connexion, on the one hand, between أَرَخ , "to date," and Eth. ܐܪܚܝܐ : "month"; ܐܪܚܝܐ "joint," and ܐܪܚܝܐ , where the *w* is original; and, on the other hand, between ܐܪܚܝܐ and ܐܪܚܝܐ , "learn"; ܐܪܚܝܐ and ܐܪܚܝܐ , "be long," where the *N* claims the priority.

Of the disappearance of initial *w* in some verbal and nominal forms, I shall treat hereafter, when we come to the verbs ܐܪܚܝܐ in the Hebrew Grammar.

Medial *w* and *y* are chiefly liable to change under the influence of a preceding and following vowel, which lead to their vocalisation, and in some cases to their entire disappearance. E.g.

Perf. ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ for *kawama*,

ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ for *sayama*;

Imperf. ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ for *yakwumu*,

ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ ܐܪܚܝܐ for *yasyimu*.

tion from ancient Hebrew seals, on which we read such inscriptions as :

לְשַׁבְּנִידוּ עֶבֶד עֲזִיזָה i.e. לְשַׁבְּנִי עֶבֶד עֲזִיזָה

לְאַבְּיִדוּ עֶבֶד עֲזִיזָה i.e. לְאַבְּי עֶבֶד עֲזִיזָה

In the perfect of the verb the Ethiopic alone retains the distinction of the final radicals, e.g. ተለወ: *taldwa*, "follow," ባላወ: *bakdya*, "weep." In the other languages the *w* has been changed into *y*, and the combination *aya* contracted into *d*. In Arabic the grammarians have introduced an arbitrary distinction, and write تَلَا for *talawa* and بَكَى for *bakaya*, but the sound is the same in both cases, *tald*, *bakd*; and hence the Aramean has ܬܠ, ܬܠܐ, with ܐ, ܐ. In Hebrew a ה is substituted for this א, ܬܠܐ, ܬܠܐ; but this does not warrant us in speaking of them as verbs ܬܠܐ. The only real verbs ܬܠܐ in Hebrew are such as ܬܠܐ, ܬܠܐ, in Syriac ܬܠܐ, ܬܠܐ, and the like. Upon the whole subject of the weak letters, and ܐ, ܐ I shall find it necessary to enter into fuller details, when we come to the classes of verbs in which they appear as first, second and third radicals.

Having thus gone through the various classes of letters in the Semitic alphabet, and enumerated the principal changes to which they are liable in the different Semitic languages, I will conclude this branch of my subject by briefly recapitulating those permutations which are of primary importance, any deviation from which must be regarded with a careful scrutiny before we accept the relationship of the words in question. In so doing, I shall follow the order of the Hebrew alphabet.

1. ה = *h* in all the languages; but also
 ה init. = Assy. א, Arab. ا, Eth. አ, Aram. א, ܐ.
2. י = *s* in all the languages; but also
 י = Assy. ש, Eth. ዘ, Arab. ش, Aram. ש, ܫ.
3. ח = Aram. ח, ܫ, Eth. ח, Arab. ح, Assy. ח (as *imtru*);
 but also
 ח = Aram. ח, ܫ, Eth. ח, Arab. ح, Assy. ח (*h*).

4. ' init. = *y* in all the languages except Assyrian, where it is *ṣ*; but also
' init. = Aram. ' , Eth. ①, Arab. و, Assy. *ṣ*.
5. *ḏ* = Aram. ܕ, ܕ, Eth. ①, Arab. س, Assy. *s* (*s/k*).
6. *ṣ* = Aram. ܥ, ܥ, Eth. ①, Arab. ع, Assy. *ṣ*; but also
ṣ = Aram. ܥ, ܥ, Eth. ①, Arab. غ, Assy. *ṣ*.
7. *ṣ* = *s* in all the languages; but also
ṣ = Eth. Ṣ, Arab. ض, Aram. ܕ, ܕ, Assy. *s*;
ṣ = Eth. ①, Arab. ض, Aram. ܥ, ܥ, Assy. *s*;
ṣ = Eth. ① (Ṣ), Arab. ض, Aram. ܥ, ܥ, Assy. *s*.
8. *ṣ* = Aram. ܕ [ܕ'], ܕ, Eth. ①, Arab. ش, Assy. *š* (*s*).
9. *ṣ* = Aram. ܕ, Eth. ①, Arab. س, Assy. *š* (*s*); but also
ṣ = Eth. ①, Arab. ث, Aram. ܕ, ܕ, Assy. *š*.

¹ [Biblical Aramaic and the oldest Aramaic monuments have *ṣ* = *ṣ*. In Palmyrene this *ṣ* interchanges with *ḏ*, e.g. ܕܥܐ and ܕܥܐ.]

CHAPTER V.

THE VOWELS AND THEIR PERMUTATIONS.

WE now go on to treat of the vowels and their permutations, a topic which I must, however, handle in a somewhat superficial manner; as time forbids me to enter into more than the most necessary details. In fact, a mere outline of the subject is all that I can pretend to lay before you. Your own reading and reflection must do the rest; and I recommend to you, at present, the Grammars of Olshausen, Bickell (translated by Curtiss), and Stade, as being, on the whole, the most suggestive and the best adapted to your present purpose.

The vowel-system of the Semitic languages, like that of the Indo-European¹, was at first very simple. There were only three primitive vowel-sounds, *a*, *i*, *u*, which might naturally be either short or long, thus giving rise to six vowels:

ā ā, ī ī, ū ū.

Of real primitive diphthongs, like the Indo-European *ai* and *au*, we can hardly speak in Semitic; for a careful examination will, I think, shew us that in every case the second element in a Semitic *ai* or *au* was originally the consonant *y* or *w*. Still, it is convenient in this place to treat *ai* and *au* as being practically diphthongs, and I shall therefore so regard them, with the reservation already mentioned. It may perhaps be well to use in writing *ay* and *aw* instead of *ai* and *au*.

No one of the Semitic languages, however, is exactly restricted to this limited number of vowel-sounds, in the state in which we

¹ [This passage appears to have been written before the general acceptance, among comparative philologists, of the new doctrine of the Indo-European vowels which recognises primitive *e* and *o*.]

Again, in connexion with the other consonants, whether in a shut or open syllable, *ā* takes a weaker sound, like that of the common English *ā* (in *hat, cap*), or it becomes *ä, e* (as in *Männer, pet*); whilst *ī* and *ū* are pronounced with their natural sounds, as in *pin* and *bull*, or nearly so. E.g. كَتَبْتُ *katabtu*, مَرَكَبَ *markeb*, سَمَكَ *semek*, شَمَسَ *shems*, ذَكَرَ *dhikr*, كَلَّ *kull*.

The sound of *ī* was also heard dialectically in old Arabic, as شِيْئًا *shiidda*, رِيْئًا *riidda*, for *shiidda, riidda*; سَيْقَ *sīka*, قَيْلَ *qīla*; and is found occasionally in the vulgar dialects, as *kūll* for *kīll*; in this latter case perhaps under the influence of the Turkish. In a short open syllable, followed by a long one, the short vowels are liable to be modified and reduced almost to the compass of the Hebrew *shēvā*; e.g. سَمِيْنٌ *sēmīn*, جَلِيْلٌ *jēlll*,

مَدِيْنَةٌ *mēdīneh*, مَبَارَكٌ *mībārāk*, of which the first two are sometimes vocalised *sēmīn*, *jēlll*, whilst the last is vulgarly pronounced *m'barāk* or, with a prosthetic vowel, *ēmbārāk*. In modern dialects, e.g. that of Egypt, *a* becomes *i* even in a shut syllable, e.g. مَنْ *mīn*, for مَنْ "who?" أَسْوَدَ *asūd* for أَسْوَدَ "black," اِسْلَمَ *islām* for اِسْلَمَ "became a muslim," اِغْزَا *igzā* for اِغْزَا "parts." It is also liable to be changed into *u*, under the influence of a proximate *b, f, m* or *w*, e.g. مُلْهَبَةٌ *mulhabbe*, مُلْوَدَةٌ *mulwedde* for مُلْهَبَةٌ, مُوَدَةٌ *muwadr* for مُوَدَةٌ *female slaves*; similarly, مُفْتَاحٌ *muftāh* for مُفْتَاحٌ, حُمَصٌ *humṣ* for حُمَصٌ.

Just as *ā* was thus modified into *ä* & *ī*, so did *ā* pass into *ē* and even into *i*. A word like خَاتَمٌ or غَائِلٌ suffered no change; but the weaker sound in كِتَابٌ *kitāb*, رِكَابٌ *rikāb*, لَآكِنَ *lākīn*, underwent a modification into *kīṭeb*, *rikēb*, *lēkīn*, and among the Arabs of Africa and Spain into *i*, so that لِسَانٌ *lisān* and بَابٌ *bāb* became *listn* and *bīb*. Hence the Spanish names *Faen* and

Caniles are written by the Arabs جَيَّان and قَنَالَش. This is also the usual pronunciation in modern Maltese, as رَمَاد, *r'mtd*, نَارِل, *ntsrl*.

The diphthongs *ay* and *aw* retain their original sound after the guttural and emphatic letters, as صَيْف *sayf*, خَوْف *kharwf*. Otherwise they are pronounced almost like *e* and *o*; e.g. سَيْف *sef* (almost *sɛf*), مَوْت *m'ot* (almost *mōt*). In the spoken dialects the original sounds *aw* and *ay* or *ey* are still heard, especially when a *w* or *y* follows, as *awwal* أَوَّل, طَيِّب *ṭaiyib*, سَيِّد *seyed*, *aiwa* أَيُّو, *aiwa* أَيْو. Otherwise they are pronounced *o* and *e*, as *sōda* سَوْدَاء, صَيْف *sef*, دَيْر *dēr*, بَيْضَاء *beḍḍa*, خَوْف *khōf*, قَوْس *qōs*.

You see then that the Arabic, instead of being limited to the six primitive vowels and two diphthongs, has in reality as wide a range of vowel-sounds as the Hebrew.

On the Hebrew and Aramaic we must dwell at greater length, because in these languages the vowels have undergone considerable modifications, and it is important for an understanding of many grammatical forms that we should be able to trace them back to their original sounds, in doing which the Arabic, ancient and modern, will be of signal service to us.

We start then in Hebrew from the same position as before :

- 3 short vowels, *a* *i* *u*;
- 3 long vowels, *ā* *ī* *ū*;
- 2 diphthongs, *ay* *aw*.

Short *a* is liable in Hebrew to undergo changes analogous to those which it experiences in Arabic, that is to say to be modified into *i* (ִ) and *u* (ֹ). Compare, for instance, שְׁאֵלָתִי with שְׁאֵלָתָם and שְׁאֵלָתֵינוּ; בָּתִּי with בָּתִּי; סֶפֶר with סֶפֶר; מְנַהֲרָה with מְנַהֲרָה; מְדַבֵּחַ with מְדַבֵּחַ; נְשֵׂאֵה with נְשֵׂאֵה; נְחֵבָתָה with נְחֵבָתָה; מְרַבֵּב with מְרַבֵּב; מְנַהֲרָה with מְנַהֲרָה.

נִעְשֶׂתָהּ with נִלְתָה and fem. נִלְתָהּ; יָד, יֵד, with יָדָם (יָדְכֶם); דָּם, נֵם, with דָּמָם (נֵמְכֶם); דָּבָר, דְּבָרִי, from דָּבָר (for *dābār*); דָּרָה from דָּר. These examples are taken, you will observe, almost exclusively from shut syllables, or half-shut syllables before the tone. In such cases the Syriac often ranges itself on the side of the Arabic: *مَكْرَضْنَا*, *مَكْرَحْجَلْ*, etc.; whilst at other times it is the Arabic which exhibits the weakening of the vowel, as Heb. צָדִיק, Arab. مَدِيْقِي; Syr. نَجِيص, Arab. نَجِيْب; Heb. and Syr. חֲלָמִיד, Arab. تَلْمِيذ. This change has spread extensively in the later dialects, as compared with the classical Syriac and Arabic. In Hebrew two conspicuous cases are exemplified by segolate nouns of the form נָבֵר and by the perfect Piel of the verb. That words like נָבֵר, נָפֵן, and קָרָן, were originally pronounced נֶבֶר, נֶפֶן, and קֶרֶן, might be inferred from the Arabic forms *قَرْن* and *جَنْ*, *أَرْض*; it is rendered certain by the pausal forms נָבֵר, נָפֵן, and קָרָן, and by the suffixed forms נֶבֶרִי, נֶפֶנִי, קֶרְנִי. Besides, we can cite the authority of the LXX., who write Ἀβελ for דָּבָר, Γαστων Γαβέρ (1 Kings ix. 26) for עֲצִיּוֹן דָּבָר, and the like. In many other words of the same class the root-vowel has been farther modified into *z*; as קָבֵר, קָבֵר, קָבֵרִי, Arab. قَبْر; שָׁמֶשׁ, שָׁמֶשׁ, שָׁמֶשׁ, Arab. شَمْس. In all such words the vowel of the 2nd syllable is merely supplementary, and has nothing to do with the original form, but merely lightens the pronunciation of the two final consonants. Again, as to the verbal form Piel, that קָפַל stands for קָפַל is obvious from the following considerations.

- (1) The Arabic form is قَتَل *kattala*, with a *fetha* in each syllable.

(2) The *a* of the 1st syllable appears in the Aramaic ^{ܐܠܐ} and in Hebrew itself in the imperat. and imperfect ^{קַטַּל} and ^{יִקְטַל}.

(3) The *a* of the 2nd syllable is seen in the 2nd pers. sing. ^{תִּקְטַלְתְּ} and analogous forms, as well as in numerous examples of the 3rd person, e.g. ^{יִגְדַּל}, ^{יִסְדַּר}, ^{יִחַן}, ^{יִשַּׁר}, where the vocalisation depends partly upon the accentuation and partly upon other considerations. Sometimes the *a* of the 2nd syllable is modified into *ɛ*, as in ^{יִבְרַח}, ^{יִפְרַח}, ^{יִבְרַח}; and this weakening, combined with the influence of the *ɛ* in the 1st syllable, has led to the form with *ɛ*, ^{יִבְרַח}, ^{יִפְרַח}. In the Hiphil, as we shall afterwards see, the process goes yet a step farther, *a* being changed into *i* by the successive steps *hakṭal*, *hikṭal*, *hikṭil*, *hikṭil*, *hikṭil*.

On short *ɛ* we may content ourselves with noting that in Hebrew it is often modified in unaccented shut syllables into *ɛ̄* (ֵ), as ^{יִפְרַח}, ^{יִבְרַח}; and that in western Syriac it usually appears

as *ɛ̄* (ܐ), e.g. ^{ܣܦܪܐ} for ^{ܣܦܪܐ}, ^{ܣܦܪܐ}.

As for short *a*, it chiefly appears in Hebrew in a shut syllable with dagesh forte, as ^{יִחַן}, ^{יִשַּׁר}, and the verbal form ^{קַטַּל}. In an unaccented shut or half-shut syllable it generally becomes

ɔ̄, as ^{יִקְרָא} (for ^{יִקְרָא}, ^{יִקְרָא}); but also ^{יִגְדַּל}, ^{יִסְדַּר}.

In Syriac this vowel is usually written *plene* with ܐ, as ^{ܣܦܪܐ}, but you must not therefore imagine it to be long in these and similar words.

An original short *a* or *ɔ̄* has sometimes been modified in Hebrew into *ɛ̄*, which may appear in pausal forms as *ɛ̄*. This remark applies especially to the pronouns of the 2nd and 3rd pers. pl. and to the word ^{אַתֶּם}. For instance, ^{אַתֶּם} stands for *'antūm*,

as is shewn by the Arabic ^{أَنْتُمْ} and the Syriac ^{ܐܢܬܝܡ}. Similarly, the suffixes ^{כֶּם} and ^{הֶם} were originally *kūm* and *hūm*, as proved

by the Arabic ^{كَمْ} and ^{هَمْ}, the latter of which becomes in certain cases ^{هَمْ}. The word ^{אַתֶּם} stands for ^{אַתֶּם} *ʾih*, as shewn by the

suffixed forms אֲתָרְכֶם, אֲוֹתְכֶם and אֲתָרְכִי, אֲוֹתְכִי. The interchange in these cases between these two dull vowels *a* and *o* will be less surprising to you, if you call to mind such forms as חַצְנִי and חַצְנוּ from חָצֵן, i.e. *חסן*, but Arabic حَضَنَ; further, נָכַח from נָכַח; and the frequent interchange of *e* and *i* in such words as قَصَبَان and دَبَّ, Syriac ܩܨܒܐ and ܕܒܬܐ, Syriac ܫܪܝܫ and ܐܢܝܢ, اُنْسِي and اِنْسِي, etc.

Let me next call your attention to a set of phenomena which are common in Hebrew to all three short vowels: a weakening and a heightening.

The utmost weakening or (as Bickell calls it) volatilizing of these vowels takes place in Hebrew more especially in the 2nd open syllable before the tone, but also (though less frequently) in the open syllable immediately preceding the tone. As examples of the first case, I may give **קֹדֶשׁ** for *šaddəḵəh*,

[illegible]

from יִרְדָּף; צַפְרִים from צָפַר; חָצִי, with suffix חָצִיךְ, in pause חָצִי, for *hāzī*. More rarely still a fuller vowel is employed, as in קִרְשִׁים (also קִרְשִׁים) from קָרַשׁ, שְׂרָשִׁים from שָׂרַשׁ, אֱהָלִים (and אֲהָלִים) from אָהַל. I call your attention to these last forms in particular, as Delitzsch and Baer have recently sought to revive the erroneous pronunciation *kaddashim* and *shārdashim*.

The Aramaic, I may remark in passing, shares the tendency of the Hebrew to weaken or volatilize its short vowels, though it often proceeds by different rules. For instance, מְחַבֵּי, מְחַבְּנִי, are weakened in exactly the same way as in Hebrew; but נַעֲמָן, נַעֲמָלִי, and מְחַלְתֵּב follow different rules from נִשְׁמַר and קִטְלָנִי.

The heightening or elevation of the three short vowels *a* *i* *u* takes place in Hebrew, generally speaking, either in the tone-syllable of a word, or in the open syllable immediately preceding the tone. Short *a* is heightened into *ā*; short *i* into *ī*; and short *u* or *ū* into *ū*. Bickell, following Olshausen, speaks of this heightening (§ 42, note 1) as being "merely a mechanical strengthening of the vowel through an *a*, which is placed before it, and which finds its complete analogy in the Indo-Germanic *guna* and the pronunciation of vowels in new high German and modern English¹." I am not quite sure that I understand this explanation; but it is at all events clear that Olshausen² and Bickell regard the heightened vowels *ā* *ī* *ū* as arising by contraction from *a* + *a*, *a* + *i*, and *a* + *u*; and they believe this heightening to have been produced by the solemn reading or chanting of the Scriptures, and not to have existed in the language of ordinary life. As to the latter proposition, I myself believe that the slow and solemn recitation of the Scriptures in the synagogue has exercised a considerable effect upon the punctuation as exhibited to us in the Masoretic text of our Bible; but, on the other hand, I feel sure that even in the speech of everyday life such differences at least as exist between the pausal and the common forms of words must have been

¹ With this compare his explanatory observation at p. 140 [of the Eng. Tr.].

² [*Lehrb.* p. 110, § 57 a.]

more or less perceptible. The Egyptian fellāḥ says *mēn hāda* ("who is this?"), but if you knock at his door, he calls out *mīn* ("who's there?"). You ask a shopkeeper *bi-kem er-raṭl*, "how much a pound?"; but if you use the first word only, you say *bi-kān* "how much?" If we consider, further, that the vowels *ɿ* and *ɛ*, *ʊ* and *ɪ*, frequently interchange in Hebrew, without our being able to assign any satisfactory reason; and that even in Arabic the sound of *kesr* is not, according to the best authorities, so sharp and distinct as that of our *ɿ* in *pin*, but rather inclines towards *ɛ*; we shall I think find little difficulty in believing that the heightened vowels *ā* (⌣), *ē* (⌣), *ō* (⌣), may, as Noeldeke holds, have arisen in Hebrew from the short *ā* *ɿ* *ɪ*, without the addition of any other element.

Of the three vowels, *ɿ* and *ɪ* are almost always heightened in the tone-syllable; as *יָקֵן* for *āḱān*, *כֹּהֵן* for *kāhān*, *יָדָבֵר* for *yāddābbēr*, *סִפֵּר* for *sīfr*; *כָּל* for *kāll*, *יָקָם* for *yāḱām*, *קָדַשׁ* for *kādash*. But *ā* often remains in the tone-syllable; as in *יָדָבֵר*, *מִשְׁפָּחָה*, *בֵּית*, *נֶחֱלָה*. In fact, *ā* chiefly appears in the closed tone-syllable of the absolute state of nouns, as in *יָדָבֵר*, *מִשְׁפָּחָה*; and in the open syllable before the tone, as in *קָמָה*, *לִבִּישׁ*, *קָמָה*, *יָדָבֵר*. *ɿ* is also often heightened into *ē* in the open syllable before the tone, as *לִבֵּב* for *libāb*, *עֵנָב* for *ʿēnāb*. The second syllable before the tone is less frequently heightened; as in *קָמָה* and *קָמָה*, *וְקָמָה*, *הַעֲבֵרָה* (for *הַעֲבֵרָה*), *אֲזָלִים*, etc.

It may have struck you as curious that, in many of the Hebrew words which I have lately cited, the short vowel *ʊ* and the heightened vowel *ā* should be represented to the eye by the same sign ⌣. This admits, however, of an easy explanation. Just as the pure *ā* of the Sanskrit is pronounced *ʊ* in Bengālī, so the heightened *ā* of the Hebrew gradually passed in the mouths of many of the Jews (not of all) into *ā*, and then into *o*. Consequently the punctuators were fairly justified, from a certain point of view, in representing it and *ʊ* by the same sign, even though there was a difference in the quantity of the two vowels. The same thing happened in the case of ⌣, which represents

vowels of such different quantities as \bar{v} in בָּרַךְ and in יְגִלָּה . In the former instance, however, some confusion of sounds may actually arise. For instance, the plural of בַּיִת is written בָּתִּים , which must be read *bātīm*, and not *bottīm*, as is proved by Jewish tradition, by the accentuation, and by the evidence of the cognate Syriac form ܒܬܝܢ *bātīn*. If *bottīm* had been right, the Syriac form would certainly have been ܒܬܝܢܝܬ . Another example is afforded by רֹדֵי-לִי (Isaiah xxiv. 16), which, as I believe, is rightly read by Böttcher *rōdī-lī* (from a noun רֹדִי), and not *rdst-lī*.

In treating of this heightening of the vowels, I have taken no account of the Aramaic dialects, because in them it is neither so widely spread nor so readily perceived, owing to the defects of the vowel-system. I think, however, that the vowel of the tone-syllable in such verbal forms as נָחַץ , נָחַץ , נָחַץ , נָחַץ , must have differed in sound from that of the first syllable almost, if not quite, as much as in the Hebrew נָחַץ . As for δ in place of \bar{u} , it occurs, according to the eastern dialect of Syriac, in many verbal and nominal forms; for example, the imperfect and imperative ܢܚܬܝܠ *nḥtāl* (*niktāl*), ܚܬܝܠ *ḥtāl*; and in the personal pronouns ܐܢܬܝܢ , ܐܢܬܝܢ , with the suffixes ܐܢܬܝܢ , ܐܢܬܝܢ , and the verbal form ܐܢܬܝܢ . In these latter cases, as we have seen above, the Hebrew has modified the original \bar{u} into \bar{z} , אַתָּם , בָּם , קִמְלָתָם . The western Syrians weakened this δ again into u , saying ܢܚܬܝܠ , ܐܢܬܝܢ , but no doubt the quantity of this vowel much exceeded in length that of the original short \bar{u} in *niktāl*.

I now proceed to speak briefly of the long vowels, \bar{a} , \bar{i} , \bar{u} .

Long \bar{a} has, we may say, almost disappeared from the Hebrew. Just as the long \bar{a} of the Sanskrit was modified in Greek into η and ω , so the long \bar{a} of the Arabic passed in Hebrew into δ . As *dadāmi* became $\delta\delta\delta\omega\mu$, or *āmas*, $\omega\mu\delta\delta^1$, so

¹ [The priority of \bar{a} in these cases is not now admitted.]

did *kātala* become קוּטַל (Poel); *kātilum*, קוּטַל (participle); חֶמָר, חֶמֶד; etc. Exceptions to this rule are exceedingly rare. פֶּתֶב, פֶּתֶב, can scarcely be reckoned a pure Hebrew word; and פֶּתֶב, פֶּתֶב, is foreign to both languages [Assyrian *Purāt* (*Burat*), Accadian *Pura-nunu*, "the great river"]. מַעְרָה corresponds to the Arabic مَعْرَاة, but the Syriac form has *pathach*, מַעְרָה, and not מַעְרָה. The most conspicuous of apparent exceptions is that which is presented to us by the perfect of verbs ע"ע, as שָׁר, קָם, corresponding to the Arabic بَانَ, تَامَ. Next are adjectives of the form קָפַל, like צִיד, מִבְּחָ, עוֹל, אֶבֶר, פֶּחֶשׁ, פֶּחֶשׁ, if they really correspond to such Arabic words as مَبْأَع, مَبْأَع, أَكَّار, etc. This identification, however, is, as we shall afterwards see, somewhat doubtful; the Arabic forms just cited find their precise equivalents in such words as سَكَار = شְכָּר, جَبَّار = جְבֹר, (in sense سَكَبَر), יָפֹר, תָּפָז = קָפַל, and, with a rare retention of the original *pathach* in the first syllable, קָנָא = קָנֹא. The Aramaic vowel corresponding to the Arabic *ā* and Hebrew *ō* is the *šēkāfā*, א, pronounced by the eastern Syrians even at the present day *ā*, by the western *ā* or *ō*, whence the latter represent it in writing by the Greek *omikron*, ο. Compare with the above cited words the Syriac forms מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, (with dissimilation); מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה. This vowel is sometimes weakened, both in Hebrew and Syriac, into *ū*; e.g. מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, from a sing. מַעְרָה, Arab. مَعْرَاة, Arab. مَعْرَاة, fem. مَعْرَاة, pl. مَعْرَاة; מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, or מַעְרָה, for מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה, מַעְרָה. As a parallel I may mention

that in some parts of Persia long *ā* is pronounced *ū*, e.g. نان *nān*, for *nān* or *nān*, "bread"; بیا *biyū*, for *biyā* or *biyd*, "come."

But indeed I need go no farther than our own language, where such words as *bone*, *stone* represent an Old English *bān*, *stān*, whilst *moon* stands for *mōna*, which was in its turn preceded by a form *māna*. In the Hebrew words just cited you will observe that this weakening depends upon the removal of the tone to the following syllable; but in the Syriac words it seems to be due to the influence of the letter *n*. The Phœnicians appear to have gone beyond the Hebrews in this respect, pronouncing for instance *shūfēt* instead of שופֶּט (*sufes*, *-ctis*), *rūfēt* for רופֶּא, *shdlūsh* (*salus*) for שְׁלֹשׁ, *rūsh* (*rus*) for רֹאשׁ, and in the plur. fem. *alōnūth* for אֱלֹנוֹת. In a shut syllable such an *ū* might even be shortened into *u*, *o*; thus נְחֻשְׁתִּי and נְחֻשְׁתֶּם from נְחֻשָׁה, נְחֻשָׁה; נְחֻשָׁה; נְחֻשָׁה. I may add that in a few cases, in Aramaic, long *ā* has passed into *ē* and *ī*, just as the Sanskrit *ā* of *dadhāmi* became *ē* in Greek *ταθημι*, or the Arabic *ā* successively *ē* and *ī*. Thus the Arabic رَأْس *rās* first became رَاس *rās*, which the Hebrews modified into רֹאשׁ, *rōsh*, whilst the Arameans preferred رِيشָא.

The long vowel *ī* I may here dismiss with the remark that in the few cases where it has been shortened into *i*, *e*, this vowel is reheghtened by the accent into *ī*. Thus, יִבִּין = יִבִּין, but יִבִּין and יִבִּין = יִבִּין.

So also long *ū* may in certain instances be shortened into *u*, *o*, and then this vowel be reheghtened into *ū*; as יִנּוֹב = יִנּוֹב, but יִנּוֹב and יִנּוֹב = יִנּוֹב.

Whether long *ū* can in Hebrew be differentiated into *o* seems a doubtful matter. יְלוֹד seems to be identical in form with the

Syriac ܡܠܚܬܐ; and ܡܠܚܬܐ, with its construct plur. ܡܠܚܬܐ, may perhaps be only a variation upon ܡܠܚܬܐ, according to the form ܡܠܚܬܐ; but both words admit of other explanations. In Aramaic, however, a distinction of this sort existed, and actually forms one of the main distinctions in pronunciation between the eastern and western dialects of Syriac. The modern Syrians still retain *ḥ* in many forms where *ḥ* prevailed in the west. The vowel is represented by the letter *o*; a point above this letter indicates the sound *ḥ*, beneath it the sound *ḥ*. The Western Syrians, who use the Greek vowels, write *ou*, i.e. the Greek diphthong *ou*. Some of the principal forms in which the Eastern Syrians pronounced *ḥ* are the following: the pronominal forms ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ; the verbal forms ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ; the nominal forms ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ; and the diminutive terminations ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ.

We next enter upon the examination of the so-called diphthongs *ay* (*ai*) and *aw* (*au*).

I have already told you that their sound has been weakened in Arabic to that of *z* and *ḍ*. Compare in other languages *θαῦμα* and *θῶμα*, *παιδῖον*, vulgar *παιδί*, *plaustrum* and *plostrum*, *causa* and *chose*; German *Auge* and Dutch *oog*, German *Stein* and Dutch *steen*; etc. In North Africa, however, a further weakening has taken place into *n* and *i*. Thus *يَوْم* *yawm* has gradually become first *yōm* and then *yūm*; *بَيْت* *bayt*, first *bēt* and then *bit*.

Now mark the same progression in the other Semitic languages.

In Assyrian I find that our authorities write *šumu*, *šūnu*, *šūnu* (عين), *hīṣu* (egg) without apparently the slightest trace of the older forms, which must necessarily have preceded them.

In Hebrew *ay* and *aw* are of somewhat rare occurrence in a perfectly pure form ; for example, שְׁלֹחַי, צוּ, קוּ, מִימִינִים, שִׁי, נִי,

Generally speaking, however, *ay* and *aw* are modified as in vulgar Arabic into *z* and *ḍ*, the *z* being represented by ז, and sometimes by ז, the *ḍ* by ḏ. So in ז for ז (with suffix, ז), ז for ז (ז, ז); in segolate nouns זום, זור, and in the construct state זית, זות; in the Niphal and Hiphil of verbs ז, as זור for זור, זור for זור; and in several forms of verbs ז, as זית for זית, זית for זית, זית for זית. This *z* is frequently attenuated into *i*, and more rarely *ḍ* into *u*. Thus זית for זית, זית, as in the vulgar Arabic of North Africa زميت *r'mit* for *r'mit* (*ramaita*). Perhaps also the proper name זמין, instead of זמין (2 Sam. xiii. 20), if we regard it as a contemptuous diminutive, "that wretch of an Amnon." זמין would then stand for זמין i.e. *'umainān*, just as, in vulgar Arabic, كُفَّاف for *kufāifah*, as the diminutive of كَفَّة *kuffah*, "a basket." As examples of *ḍ* becoming *u*, I may mention לו for לו, Arabic لَو; يوبل for يوبل, imperf. of يوبل; and נוגי, part. plur. Niphal of ינה, for נוגי; נוגי. Here again we find a parallel in the vulgar Arabic forms of the imperfect of verbs يوقف, يوقف, يوقف, for يوقف, يوقف, يوقف.

In Aramaic the position of matters is on the whole, *mutatis mutandis*, much the same as in Hebrew. In Syriac the original diphthongs appear, however, more frequently than in Hebrew; for example in the emphatic form of the segolates ضن, ضن; in the construct plural ضن, where the Bibl. Aramaic, like the Hebrew, has ז; in the plural suffixed forms ضن, ضن, ضن (Ch. מלכות); in the Aphel of verbs ז, as ז, ז, ז (Ch. ז, ז, ז); and in such words as the diminutives ضن and ضن (Ch. ז, ז).

At the end of a word we find forms similar to those of the Hebrew; e.g. with *z*, חֲכִים, חֲכִים, חֲכִים; with *ā*, חֲכִים.

In the body of a word, Syriac *ay* sometimes becomes *z*, as in the construct חֲכִים, and in the duals חֲכִים, חֲכִים; in Biblical Aramaic חֲכִים, but חֲכִים.

The *ā*-sound predominates, for example, in Targumic חֲכִים (200) and חֲכִים [חֲכִים] (80, for חֲכִים, as well as חֲכִים, חֲכִים); in the plural חֲכִים; in the adverb חֲכִים, pronounced *ākh* (Ch. חֲכִים, חֲכִים); in the plural suffixed forms of the Jewish Aramaic חֲכִים or חֲכִים, "thy servants," [Targumic] חֲכִים or [Biblical] חֲכִים [חֲכִים] "her servants," חֲכִים "our servants," as contrasted with חֲכִים and חֲכִים.

Further, *z* sinks into *z*, according to the western pronunciation, in the simple forms of the segolates חֲכִים, חֲכִים; also in the forms חֲכִים (construct), חֲכִים, חֲכִים; in many forms of the 1st and 2nd pers. in the perf. of verbs חֲכִים, as perf. Peal חֲכִים (but Nestorian חֲכִים), Pael חֲכִים and חֲכִים, etc. Similarly, *ō* sinks into *ū*, in חֲכִים "if" (= חֲכִים + חֲכִים); and, at least according to the western pronunciation, in the simple state of the segolates חֲכִים, חֲכִים ("end").

In the later Aramaic dialects there is a strong tendency to get rid of the diphthongs. Already in old Syriac we find חֲכִים, with short *ā*, for חֲכִים; חֲכִים *lilyā*, for *lilyā*, *lailyā* (חֲכִים); and another example of the same kind is חֲכִים (for חֲכִים); but the modern Syrian says *lit* for חֲכִים; *ikā* or *ikā* (חֲכִים) for חֲכִים; *ikh* (חֲכִים) for חֲכִים and חֲכִים; חֲכִים and חֲכִים; *bāthwā(ik)z*, "houses," חֲכִים "our houses"; and even *tyēkhvā*

for **فَمَحْجُ**. So also, though to a less extent, in Mandaitic, where we find **לִית** as well as **לֵאִית** (**לִית**), and **קִרִית** for **מִרְ** as well as **מִרְ**.

I will now say a few words on the different classes of supplementary vowels, especially in Hebrew. These, as is indicated by the term which I have just employed, do not belong to the original vocalisation of the word, but have been introduced at subsequent periods, to make the pronunciation of it easier by facilitating the utterance of a harsh consonant or of a combination of consonants.

(1) The so-called *furtive pathach*, which is inserted between a long or heightened vowel and the final gutturals ה ו ע; as אֱלֹהִים for *ēloh*, Aram. אֵלְהָא, אֱלֹהִים, Arab. إِلَهِ for *elāh*, Aram. תַּפְּחָא for *tappūh*, Arab. تَفَّاح for *rūḥ*, מֶשְׁלַח for *mūsh*, מוֹרֶחַ, מִנְיָן for *mūshallēh*, i.e. *mushallīh*; רֵעַ for *rē*, רֵעַ. This sound is heard in the spoken Arabic of the present day, in such words as مَسِيح *masīḥ*, رِيح *riḥ*, but it is not, and never has been, written in this language or in Syriac, where we find only حَمَقْحَنًا *hamqanā* and the like.

(2) The auxiliary *pathach* which is sometimes inserted between וּ or ח and ר or ת at the end of a word. It is so slight in sound as not even to effect the aspiration of the ר or ת. For example: לַקַּחַת, שְׂכַחַת, שִׁמְעַת, as well as שְׂכַחַת, שִׁמְעַת; יִרְדַּ, יִרְדַּ, יִפְתַּ, יִפְתַּ, as compared with יִרְדַּ, יִפְתַּ.

(3) The auxiliary vowel \bar{e} , \bar{a} , \bar{i} , in various nominal and verbal forms, which is very little stronger than no. 2. For example, in segolate nouns: נֶעֱר , תַּחַת , יֶלֶד , זֶרַע , פָּרָא , סִפֵּר , פָּעַל , קָרַשׁ , נִצַּח , מָוֶה , בֵּית , and in the dual termination יִם . The auxiliary is actually wanting in such words as נֶרֶד , קֶשֶׁט .

and **פִּנְנָה**. In Mandaitic this insertion is very general, the vowel *u* being also occasionally employed, as **הַכּוּמָתָא** and **הַכּוּמָתָא** (**נִצְחָא**) and **נִצְחָא** (**חֲכָמָא**, **נִבְחָא**); in the conjugation Ethpe'el, the normal form is **עֲתִינְסִיב** = **לְיִסֵּב**.

أَتَقَتْلَ, and أَتَقَتَّلَ; in ابْنٌ (for بَنِي), *son*, اِثْنَانِ, *two*, اِسْمٌ or اِسْمُ, *name*, etc. In the vulgar dialects examples are far more numerous; e.g. أَتَقَتَّلَ and أَتَقَاتِلَ, for تَقَتَّلَ and تَقَاتِلَ,

אָזוֹרֶע for מְבָרֵק, etc. In Hebrew we find ז, פ, as in אָזוֹרֶע for אָזוֹרֶע, אָזוֹרֶע for אָזוֹרֶע, and perhaps a few more, such as אָזוֹרֶע and אָזוֹרֶע, אָזוֹרֶע “measure.” In אָזוֹרֶע the prosthetic א, though pronounced by many of the Jews, has not been written. In Aramaic occur both א and א. Already in Biblical Aramaic we have אָזוֹרֶע “knee,” in the Palestinian dialect אָזוֹרֶע. In Syriac we find אָזוֹרֶע for אָזוֹרֶע, אָזוֹרֶע for אָזוֹרֶע.

[מַצְלָה, מַצְלָה, מַצְלָה] for [מַצְלָה, מַצְלָה, מַצְלָה] "street,"
 [מַצְלָה] and [מַצְלָה] for [מַצְלָה] and [מַצְלָה], etc.
 In [מַצְלָה] the prosthetic vowel has been influenced by the
 original vowel of the *h*, as shewn in the Arabic رَجْعَةٌ. In the
 later dialects of Aramaic, examples of the prosthetic vowels
 become more and more numerous.

(7) Different from this vowel is the likewise very short
 vowel which is occasionally prefixed in Hebrew and Aramaic to
 words beginning with a consonant and a full vowel. This
 addition may sometimes find its explanation in the harshness of
 the initial consonant, as when it is *ph*, *th*, or even *h*; but in other
 cases even this reason is wanting. Examples in Hebrew are:
 מַצְלָה "melons" (מַצְלָה, בָּטֵיחַ), מַצְלָה "blains" or "small
 blisters" (מַצְלָה, חֲבַבִּים), מַצְלָה "wings" of an
 army, מַצְלָה "fettters," מַצְלָה probably the same as *κάρταλος*,
κάρταλλος, which is also found in Arabic and Syriac; מַצְלָה
 a Persian coin, called by the Greeks *δαρεικός*¹; מַצְלָה "a nut,"
 Arab. جَوْز, Syr. ܝܘܙܐ, probably from the Persian گوز *gōz*; in Syriac
 [מַצְלָה] for [מַצְלָה] (Pers. راز), where the *h* was doubtless once sounded,
drāsā; in later dialects מַצְלָה for מַצְלָה "blood," מַצְלָה "leaf," for
 מַצְלָה; Mand. עֲשׂוּמִיָּה for עֲשׂוּמִיָּה "heaven," אֲרַמְתָּא for
 אֲרַמְתָּא "heights," אֲקַמְרָא "wool," אֲקַמְרָא "dust," for the
 older חֲמִלָּה and חֲמִלָּה.

This concludes what I have to say for the present upon the
 consonants and vowels of the languages with which we are
 dealing—Arabic, Hebrew and Syriac. I now proceed to treat
 of the different parts of speech, beginning with the pronouns.

¹ [In a Phoenician inscription of 96 B.C., recently found at the Piræus, מַצְלָה and
 מַצְלָה seem to stand for *draxial*.]

CHAPTER VI.

THE PRONOUNS.

HERE let me call your attention, in the first place, to certain elements which enter into the formation of a great many of the pronouns, as well as of the demonstrative and other particles, of the Semitic languages. I can give these elements no better general or common name than that of *demonstrative* letters or syllables. Their origin and precise original force are in most cases unknown to me; or, at all events, I can only make such guesses at them as it is hardly worth while to lay before you just now, when you have need rather of facts than of speculations. The principal of these demonstrative letters, so far as regards the pronouns, are: א and ה, ו and ת, ש, כ, מ, ל, י and י. We shall notice each of them more particularly as occasion requires in our survey of the pronouns.

A. *The Personal Pronouns.*

In treating of the personal pronouns I shall begin, for reasons which will afterwards become apparent, with the suffixed forms which we find appended to substantives in the singular.

Of the 1st pers. sing. the fullest form in actual use is the Arabic ^ي *ya*, which is usually shortened, according to circumstances, into ^ي *ya* or ^ي *i*, as ^ي *نَفْسِي*, ^ي *نَفْسِي*, ^ي *تَعَالَى*. It is obviously identical with the Ethiopic *p*: *ya*, in ነፍሴይ: *nafseya*; and with the Assyrian *ya*, in *bīt-ya* "my house." This latter,

I am told, becomes *i* and in certain cases *a*, as *biutī* "my daughter," *abūa* (for *abūya*), as well as *abī* and even *aba*, "my father"; with which last compare such Arabic forms as *يَا أَبْنَا* *ya'bnā* 'amma, *يَا رَبَّ* *yā rabbā*. The Hebrew form is, as you all know, *יָד*, of which the *yūd*, though written, is no longer pronounced in Syriac: *ܡܠܚܒܐ*, *ܡܠܚܒܐ*. The intermediate step, no doubt, was the shortening of *i* into *ɪ*, which we find sometimes in old Arabic, especially in vocative forms like *يَا رَبَّ*, which in pause would be pronounced *يَا رَبَّ* *yā rabb*. The corresponding plural is in Arab. *لِ* *nā*, sometimes shortened into *nā*; in Eth. *ኑ* *nā*, in Assyrian *nī* or *nū*, Heb. *נִי*, Aram. *ܢܝ*, Syr. *ܢܝ*, as *ܡܠܚܒܐ*, *ܡܠܚܒܐ*. These plural forms serve also to designate the accusative after a verb, and we have here evidently the same *n* that appears in the suffix of the accusative sing., viz. Arab. *نِي* *niya* or *nī*, Eth. *ኑ* *nī*, Assyrian *nī*, Heb. *נִי*, Aram. *ܢܝ*, Syr. *ܢܝ* *n* (the *yūd* being suppressed).

In the 2nd person we find a necessary distinction of gender introduced by the differentiation of the final vowel; the masc. form was originally, as in Arabic, *كَ* *kā*, the fem. *كِ* *kī*. Identical with these are the Ethiopic *ከ* *ka*, *ከ* *kī*, and the Assyrian *ka*, *kī*. The corresponding Hebrew forms are *ך* and *כי*, the latter generally abbreviated into *ך*. The Aramaic forms are *ܟܝ* for the masc. and *ܟܝܐ* for the fem., but the *yūd* has become silent, *ܡܠܚܒܐ*, *ܡܠܚܒܐ*; so that these forms are identical with those of the vulgar Arabic, masc. *كَ* *kā*, or *k*, fem. *كِ* *kī* or *kī*. The plurals were originally, as in Arabic, masc. *كُم* *kumū*, shortened into *kum*, fem. *كُنَّ* *kunna*; Ethiopic *ከሙ* *kēmū* and *ከነ* *kēn*; Assyrian *kunū* or *kun*, of which the fem., according to analogy, should be *kina* or *kin*. The Hebrew forms are

כָּם for *kām*, fem. כֶּן, but for the latter the fuller כִּנָּה or כִּנְה sometimes occurs. The Aramaic forms are כֶּן, כֶּן, fem. כֶּן, but כָּם is also found in Biblical Aramaic (Ezra).

In the 3rd person we have again a variation of vowels according to gender. The Arabic forms are, masc. *hu* (with long vowel, though written defectively), which becomes *hi* when preceded by an *i*, as *abī-hu*, *abī-hi*; fem. *ha*. The corresponding forms in Ethiopic are ሁ: *hū*, ሁ: *hā*. In Hebrew the masc. is הוּ, but also הוּ, הוּ, which is nearly identical with the vulgar Arabic *hu*, pronounced *u* or *o*, as in كَتَابَ, also written كَتَابِ. The Hebrew fem. is הִי and הִי. In Aramaic the masc. is הוּ, fem. הִי. The corresponding plurals in Arabic are, masc. *humū*, generally abbreviated *hum*, which may be changed by the influence of a preceding *i* into *himū* or *himī* and *him*; the fem. is *hunna* or *hinna*. The Ethiopic has ሁ: *hōmū* and ሁ: *hōn*. The Hebrew forms are, masc. הֵם and הֵם, or, with final vowel, הֵם; fem. הֵן (rarely הֵן) and הֵן, or, with final vowel, הֵן, הֵן, הֵן. In Aramaic we find הֵן, הֵן and הֵן, but in the Aramaic of Ezra also הֵם. In contrast with these stand the Assyrian suffixes with initial *ḥ*; sing. masc. *ḥu*, fem. *ḥa*, plur. masc. *ḥunu* or *ḥun*, fem. *ḥina* or *ḥin*. A similar form is found in one of the Hīmyaritic dialects, where the sing. masc. is written ḥ or ḥ, pl. ḥm, whereas in the other we find ḥ and ḥm; and traces of it exist in the modern Mehri, in which according to Maltzan, the sing. masc. is *he*, fem. *es*, plur. masc. *hum*, fem. *senn*.

From a comparison of these various forms we may fairly assume the oldest shape of the suffixed pronouns actually known to us to be:

1st sing.	<i>iya</i>	plur.	<i>nā</i>	dual (only in Arabic)
2nd	" m. <i>ka</i>	" m. <i>kumū</i>	}	<i>kumā</i>
	" f. <i>ki</i>	" f. <i>kunna</i>		
3rd	" m. <i>sū, hū</i>	" m. <i>sūnu, humū</i>	}	<i>humā</i>
	" f. <i>sā, hā</i>	" f. <i>sīna, hunna</i>		

I have put *sū* and *hū* together in order to lay before you two alternatives; viz. (1) *hū* may be identical with *sū*, initial *s* having passed into *h*, just as in Sanskrit compared with Persian, or Greek compared with Latin; or (2) *sū* and *hū* may spring from different demonstrative letters *s* and *h*, a point to which we shall have to recur hereafter.

From these suffixed pronouns *iya*, *ka* and *hū*, we obtain, by prefixing the demonstrative syllable *an* (אָן), the three pronouns *aniya*, *anka* and *anhū*. The syllable *an*,—itself a compound of אָ and נָ,—we may regard as a sort of demonstrative particle or interjection, akin probably to the Arabic اِنَّ, اِنِّ, Hebrew הֵן, הֵנָּה, Syriac ܐܢܝܐ, and Ethiopic እን: in እንክሙ: *en'kēmū*, "en vobis = accipite."

The third of these pronouns, *anhū*, appears but rarely as an independent word. I would instance the Talmudic אֲנִיהוּ, fem. אֲנִיהִי, possibly assimilated from אֲנִיהוּ, אֲנִיהִי, with the first vowel weakened from *a* to *i*. At any rate, the plural forms, which are without assimilation, are אֲנִיהוּ, אֲנִיהִי, for אֲנִיהוּן, אֲנִיהִין. In Syriac too we find ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ, assimilated for ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ. Otherwise these forms are used as suffixes; for example, in Hebrew, אֲנִיהוּ, as יִכְרְכְּנֵהּ, assimilated נִכְרְכְּנֵהּ, fem. נִכְרְכְּנֵהּ; and also in the later Aramaic dialects, as Mand. יִנְרֵן or יִנְרֵן, fem. יִנְרֵן, יִנְרֵן; Talm. יִנְרֵן, יִנְרֵן.

The same is the case with the second of the above pronouns, *anka*, which appears in Hebrew only as a suffix, e.g. אֲנִיכָּךְ (from נָחַךְ, Jerem. xxii. 24), usually with assimilation אֲנִיכָּךְ; in Mand. יִנְכֵן, fem. יִנְכֵן.

The first of these three forms, *aniya*, is found, however, with slight modifications in most of the Semitic languages. What its

origin may be, I can hardly pretend to explain, unless we connect it with a demonstrative root *i*, "this," also found in the Indo-European languages, in which case *an-ya* would literally mean *behold this one* or *this one here*, as a designation of the speaker. This would still, however, leave the final element *ya* or *a* unaccounted for.

In Hebrew the form *aniya* appears almost intact in אֲנִי, in pause, with fuller vowel, אֲנִי. In the other languages the older form is more or less obscured: Arabic, اَنَا *ānā*, with short *a* in both syllables, dialectically *ānā*, in pause *ānā* and *ānāh*; Ethiopic likewise እኔ: *ānā*; J. Aram. אֲנִי (Bibl.) or אֲנִי, Syriac ܐܢܝ *ēnā* or *ēnō*. Similarly in the younger dialects: Tigré እኔ: *anā*, Tigrīña እኔ: *anē* or እኔ: *anā*, Amharic እኔ: *ənē*; Mand. אֲנִי, modern Syriac ܐܢܝ. As the proper plural of אֲנִי we may regard אֲנֵינוּ (Jerem. xlii. 6, *kēthibh*), to which, among the later dialects, the Amharic offers a parallel in the form *ənā*. I may add that in Arabic, Ethiopic and Syriac this pronoun is liable to considerable mutilation. In Arabic we find اَنْ *an*, and likewise in Ethiopic, when followed by the particle *sa*, እኔሳ: *an-sa*. In Syriac the first syllable is liable to be elided under certain circumstances, whence arise such forms as ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ, ܐܢܝܐ, and finally, dropping the last vowel, ܐܢܝܐ. Hence in modern Syriac the verbal form of the present, 1st pers. sing. ܐܢܝܐ *I end*, ܐܢܝܐ *I repair*.

There is, however, another form of the pronoun of the 1st pers. sing., which we must endeavour to explain, namely that which is found in Assyrian, Hebrew and Phoenician. Here the first demonstrative basis, *an*, has been strengthened by the addition of a second, *ak* or *āk*, which I take to be compounded of *N* and *ך*, and to be akin to such words as כֵּן, "here," כֵּן "thus, here, now," כֵּן "that," הֵכָּה "here," הֵכָּה "how," etc. As the oldest form I venture to write *anākiya* or *anākī*, whence

in Assyrian *anāku* (Haupt, *anakū*), in which the 2nd syllable must surely be long, as the corresponding Hebrew form is אָנֹכִי, in pause אֲנֹכִי. The Hebrew has preserved the vowel of the last syllable in a purer state than the Assyrian. On the Moabite stone it appears as אָנֹכִי, probably pronounced *ānōkh*; whilst in Phoenician inscriptions we also find אָנֹכִי, which in the ears of Plautus sounded like *anēch*. I may remind you in passing that the Egyptian pronoun was also *anek*, *cnek*, and the Coptic ⲁⲛⲉⲕ. The form *āku*, without the prefix *an*, is employed in Assyrian as an enclitic with the force of the substantive verb, e.g. *sarrāku* "I am king," *rabbāku* "I am great," *zikarāku* "I am manly"; thus corresponding to the use of אָנִי for אֲנִי in Syriac.

The corresponding plural form is still more remarkable: Assyrian *antni*, *ntni*, *ntnu* for *anīhni*, *anaḥni*, Heb. אֲנִיחִי, Phoen. אֲנִיחִי. Here then ה of the singular has interchanged with ח (as in אֲנִיחִי, אֲנִיחִי, compared with אֲנִיחִי, compared with אֲנִיחִי), and the vowel has been shortened in the shut syllable. The last syllable of the word, נִי, is probably shortened from אֲנִי, the plural form of אֲנִי, which we mentioned above. This plural אֲנִיחִי, abbreviated in Hebrew itself into אֲנִיחִי, is found, in some shape or other, in nearly all the Semitic dialects. Arabic: نَحْنُ, vulgar نَحْنُ *nehne*, *nehn*, أَهْنًا *ahnā* in Egypt *ihna*. Ethiopic: ነሐና: *nehna*, Tigré *nahna*, Tigriña *nehna*. Syriac, with an additional demonstrative *n* at the end, אֲנִיחִי, commonly אֲנִיחִי, which is shortened in pronunciation into *nan*, as in אֲנִיחִי. Also אֲנִיחִי, with prosthetic vowel, whence in modern Syriac אֲנִיחִי and אֲנִיחִי, but also *ākhnōkhun* (with a curious assimilation to the pronoun of the 2nd pers. *ākhnōkhun* (אֲנִיחִי)). In Samaritan we also find the form אֲנִיחִי, whilst in the Palestinian dialect of Syriac, אֲנִיחִי,

and in the modern Syriac of Ma'lūla, ܐܢܐ *anah*, the final *n* has vanished. Jewish Aramaic forms are ܐܢܐ and ܐܢܐ; but in several dialects the guttural has been elided, whence in the Talmud ܐܢ, in Samaritan ܐܢ, in Mandaitic ܐܢܐ (*anēn* for *anān*), and in Palestinian Syriac ܐܢ and more commonly ܐܢܐ. Likewise in Assyrian, as above mentioned, *antni*, *ntni* or *ntnu*.

On reviewing what I have said about the pronoun of the 1st pers. sing., you may think that much of it is very precarious and doubtful; in particular that the derivations which I have ventured to suggest of the forms ܐܢܐ and ܐܢܐ are very far-fetched; that ܐܢܐ can hardly be compounded with a demonstrative particle or interjection, ' + (ܐ + ܢ), and ܐܢܐ with two words of that class ' + (ܐ + ܢ) + (ܐ + ܢ). In reply I can only point to the history of the pronominal forms in other languages, for instance the Romance. Whence comes the French *ce*? In some cases it appears in the modern language as *cel*, for which the older form is *cest*. But *cest* is identical with the Italian *questo*, which springs from *eccu isto*, i.e. *eccum istum*, i.e. *ecce enim istum*! Even the English *I* is but the last remnant of *ich* or *ik*, *ego*, *éyó*, *éyón*, Sanskrit *aham*, all pointing to an original *agham* or *agam*, which has been supposed to be made up of three elements, *a* + *gha* (or *ga*) + *m*, the first of which is either the demonstrative root *a* "this," or else a mutilation of *ma*; whilst the second is a particle, identical with the Greek *γε*, and the third, in all probability, another demonstrative letter.

I pass on to the pronoun of the 2nd person in its independent form. Here the demonstrative syllable *an* is prefixed, not to the syllable *ka*, but to *ta*. Both these syllables are, it seems likely, also of a demonstrative character, and admit of being explained in one of two ways. Either (1) *ka* is a mere variety of *ta* (compare *τὸς τῷ* with Sanskrit *nā-ki-s* "nemo," *ki-m* "what?" *quis*, *quid*); or (2) they spring from different demonstrative letters, *k* and *t*. The one of these we have already mentioned as lying at the root of ܐܢܐ, ܐܢܐ, ܐܢܐ, and similar words; whilst the other gives birth to various forms, of some of which we shall have to treat presently. If so, the pronoun of the 2nd person designates the individual spoken

to as a "this" or "here," in contradistinction to the more remote "that" or "there" of the 3rd person. In the Indo-European languages the same element seems to lie at the root of both pronouns, for Sanskrit *tvam*, i.e. *tu-am*, "thou," differs only in its vowel from *ta*, the base of the demonstrative pronoun *tat*, in Greek *τό*.

The oldest form of this pronoun known to us in Semitic is the Arabic *أَنْتَ* *anta*, with its fem. *أَنْتِ* *anti*, dual *أَنْتُمَا*, plur. masc. *أَنْتُمْ* *antumū*, shortened *antum*, and fem. *أَنْتُنَّ* *antunna*. The dual is found in Arabic only, and has disappeared from its vulgar dialects, in which the forms in use are *enta* or *ent* (Egypt. *inte*), *enti* or *entī* (Egypt. *inty*, *enty*), *entum* or *entū* (Egypt. *intū*). Almost identical with these are the Ethiopic ለንተ: *anta*, *antī*, *antēmū*, *antēn*, which appear in Tigré as *anta*, *antī*, *antūm*, and in Amharic as *anta*, *antyi* or *anty*, plur. *antū*. But in Tigrīña they have been displaced by the compound ንክክ: *nēssākhā*, fem. *nēssākhī*, plur. *nēssātkūm*, *nēssātkēn*, by assimilation for *nēssākhā*, etc.

In Assyrian and Hebrew *nt* have been assimilated into *tt*. The Assyrian forms are *attā*, *attī*, plur. masc. *attūnu*, (fem., according to analogy, *attīna*). In Hebrew the masc. sing. is אַתָּה, in pause אַתָּה or אַתָּה; but the shorter אַת, *attē* or *att*, also occurs, Num. xi. 15; Deut. v. 24, and in some other passages in the Kēthibh, e.g. Ps. vi. 4; Job i. 10; Eccles. vii. 22. Its fem. is אַתִּי, which occurs sometimes in the Kēthibh, viz. Judges xvii. 2; 1 Kings xiv. 2; 2 Kings iv. 16, 23, and viii. 1; Jerem. iv. 30; Ezek. xxxvi. 13; but it has been almost supplanted by the shorter אַת, *attē* or *att*, in pause אַת. The plur. masc. is אַתֶּם, with *ē* for *ū*; the fem. is אַתֶּנָּה, sometimes written אַתְּנָה and אַתְּנָה; but the shorter אַתֶּן or אַתֶּן is found in Ezek. xxxiv. 31, and with assimilation of the *n* to a following *m*, in Ezek. xiii. 20, אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם מְצַדְדוֹת (observe Ezek. xxxiii. 26, אֲשֶׁר יֵשְׁבוּ מִדְבָּר, and Isaiah xxxv. 1, יֵשְׁבוּ מִדְבָּר, for יֵשְׁבוּ).

In Biblical Aramaic and the Targūms we find both the primitive and the assimilated forms, *אֲנִי*, *אַנְתָּה*, *אֲנִי*, *אַתָּה*, fem. *אֲנִי*, plur. masc. *אַנְתֶּם*, *אַתֶּם*, fem. *אַתֶּיךָ*, *אַתֶּיךָ*. In Syriac the *n*, though written, is never pronounced, and the final *t* of the fem. sing. has also been dropped, *אַתָּה*, *אַתָּה*, *אַתָּה*, *אַתָּה*. The forms of the later dialects are in some cases such as we should naturally expect; e.g. Samaritan *אֲנִי* or *אַתָּה*, fem. *אַתִּי*, plur. *אַתִּיךָ*, *אַתִּיךָ*; Palestinian Syriac, *אַתָּה*, fem. *אַתָּה*, plur. *אַתָּה* and *אַתָּה*. But in others there are points worthy of remark. For instance, in Mandaitic, instead of *n* and *t* being assimilated, a short *a* is inserted between them, *אַנְאָה*, plur. *אַנְאָה*. Again, in the vulgar Syriac of Ma'lūla, we find *אַח* or *אַח*, with the plur. *אַחְכְּחִין* or *אַחְכְּחִין*, where *t* has been softened into *ty*, *ch*, as in *מְדִינְחָא* (مدينة), *כַּאבְחָא* (كاجبا), *نَارְحָا* (نارچا), *مَدِينْچَا* (مدینچا). The modern Nestorian or eastern forms are *אַתָּה* *at* or *אַתְתִּי* *attin*, the latter with a curious appendage; and not less strange are the plurals *אַתְתֶּם* and *אַתְתֶּיךָ*, which can only be explained as having arisen under the influence of the 1st pers. *אַנְכִּי* or *אַנְכִּי*, whilst conversely the form of the 1st person *אַנְכִּי* must have owed its birth to this falsely formed *אַתְתֶּם*.

The separate pronouns of the 1st and 2nd persons have, as we have seen, received a demonstrative increment at the beginning; with the pronoun of the 3rd pers. the reverse apparently is the case. The Assyrian *šū*, fem. *šā*, and the corresponding Syriac *šū*, fem. *šā*, may perhaps never have had any such increment; but it is, I think, otherwise with the Hebrew and Arabic singulars. In Hebrew these forms, with the ancient and necessary difference of vowels, are *הוא*, fem. *היא*. Now some scholars believe that the *aleph* is a mere orthographic sign, like the Arabic *elif* in the 3rd pers. plur.

of the verb, **תָּלְרָא**, which is occasionally found even in Hebrew (**הַהֲלֵכְנָא** Josh. x. 24; **אָכְנָא** Isaiah xxviii. 12). In this view I can hardly concur, because the words are written with this *aleph* in the oldest documents we possess, such as the Moabite stone (masc. **וְיֹאמֶר גַּם דָּא**) and the sarcophagus of Eshmūn'āzār, king of Sidon (masc. **דָּא אָדָם** "that man," fem. **דָּא מַמְלַכְתָּא** "this kingdom"). Had the original sounds been merely *hū* and *hī*, we should have found on such monuments **הוּ** and **הי**. I conclude, therefore, that the words must have sounded originally something like *hū-a* and *hī-a*, with the addition of a demonstrative *a* at the end. This will seem less improbable to you, when you are told that the modern Syrian forms from **וְסָ** *ō* and **וְסָ** *ē*, by the addition of **וְסָ**, another demonstrative **וְסָ וְסָ** (**וְסָ וְסָ**) *ō ā*, **וְסָ וְסָ** *ē ā*, "that," "yonder." That Plautus heard the Phoenician word pronounced as *hy* only proves that the Carthaginians, like the Jews, had gradually let this additional sound drop, although they retained the symbol of it in writing.

I have said nothing to you as yet of the use of **וְסָ** for the fem. gender in Hebrew, because I do not believe in its existence. The distinction of the vowels in **וְסָ** and **וְסָ**, *sū* and *sī*, is just as primitive and essential as in *anta*, *anti* and *ka*, *ki*. I am aware that **וְסָ** takes the place of **וְסָ** in various passages of the Pentateuch; but in old Hebrew MSS. **וְסָ** and **וְסָ** are very much alike, and the Masorets have done well to regard **וְסָ** as nothing but a clerical error, and to substitute for it the correct **וְסָ**. The same pretended archaism may be found in the famous Babylonian codex of the Prophets published by Strack, e.g. Hosea ii. 4, **וְסָ** (i.e. **וְסָ**), Joel iv. 1, **וְסָ** (i.e. **וְסָ**).

To proceed. The same primitive difference of the vowels and the same affixed syllable are to be found in Arabic, although slightly obscured, since *hū-a* and *hī-a* have become *hīwa* **هِيْوَ** and *hīya* **هِيْ**. In Ethiopic these words have received a further

¹ [Cf. Kuenen, *Onderzoek*, 2nd ed. vol. i. (Leyden, 1887), § 16 and n. 7, who rightly refers the origin of the error to the old *scriptio defectiva* **וְסָ**, for **וְסָ** and **וְסָ** alike.]

increment at the end, and in consequence have suffered a slight curtailment at the beginning. The forms in actual use are 𐤔𐤌𐤕 : $wē'ētā$, fem. 𐤔𐤌𐤕 : $yē'ētī$, which have obviously lost an initial $hā$ and $hī$ on account of their having been lengthened by the syllable $tā$ and $tī$. I find the same increment in the Assyrian demonstrative $šuatā$, "this," fem. $šaatī$ or $šātī$ [Dcl. $šiatī$], and in another form in $šāšū$, fem. $šāšī$, $šāša$, as also in $hagā-šā$ (Del. $agāsu$), which last is found mainly in inscriptions of the Persian period. $Šū$ seems to be only a weakening of $tū$, just as in Greek the pronoun $tū$, Doric $τύ$, became $σύ$; or $τήμερον$ (to-day), $τήτες$ (this year) became $σήμερον$ and $σήμετες$; or the nominal terminations $τις$, $τιος$, $τια$, $τυνη$, passed into $σις$, $σιος$, $σια$, $συνη$ ($πέψις$, $πλούσιος$, $γερουσία$, $δικαιοσύνη$). Indeed it seems possible that $tū$ is the oldest form of the pronoun of the 3rd pers. in Semitic, of which $šū$ and $hū$ are successive weakenings.

We have then the following forms of the pronoun of the 3rd person.

	singular	plural	dual
Assyr. m.	$šū$	$šūnu$, $šūnu-tu$, $šūnut$	
f.	$šī$	$šīna$	
Arab. m.	هو (vulg. Eg. $hūwā$)	هم هم (Eg. hum and $huma$)	هما
f.	هي (vulg. Eg. $hīyā$)	هن	
Eth. m.	𐤔𐤌𐤕 : $wē'ētā$	𐤔𐤌𐤕𐤔 : $ēmāntū$ or 𐤔𐤌𐤕𐤔 : $wē'ētōmū$	
f.	𐤔𐤌𐤕 : $yē'ētī$	𐤔𐤌𐤕𐤔 : $ēmāntī$ or 𐤔𐤌𐤕𐤔 : $wē'ētōn$	
Hcb. m.	הוא (Ph. הה)	הם , המה	
f.	היא (Ph. הה)	הנה	
J. Ar. m.	הוא	הוא , המה ; הנה	
f.	היא	הנה	

	singular	plural
Syr. m.	ܐܬܝܬܐ	ܐܬܝܬܐܢ
	f. ܐܬܝܬܐ	ܐܬܝܬܐܢ
Talm. m.	אֵיךְ	אֵינְהוּ
	f. אֵיךְ	אֵינְהִי
Mand. m.	ܐܝܬܐ	ܐܝܬܐܢ
	f. ܐܝܬܐ	ܐܝܬܐܢ

After what I have already said, in this and former lectures, very few of these forms call for any further remark. I need only add, I think, that ܐܬܝܬܐ, ܐܬܝܬܐܢ, vulgar Egypt. *hum, huma*, ܐܬܝܬܐ, ܐܬܝܬܐܢ, and ܐܬܝܬܐ, ܐܬܝܬܐܢ, are really identical, the last being strengthened by an additional demonstrative element, as is also the case with ܐܬܝܬܐܢ and ܐܬܝܬܐܢ. The Talmudic forms אֵיךְ and אֵינְהוּ (for אֵיךְ and אֵינְהִי) shew us that the double *n* of the Chaldee, Syriac and Mandaitic is an assimilation of *nh*, the syllable *in, en, leu* being, as I formerly stated, an interjectional or demonstrative element prefixed to the pronoun. The simple ܐܬܝܬܐ and ܐܬܝܬܐ of the old Syriac have entirely disappeared in the modern language; and in the modern dialects of Ethiopia the place of this pronoun has been usurped by later compounds. Thus in Tigriña, *nəssū*, fem. *nəssā*, plur. masc. *nəssātōm*, fem. *nəssātōn*, for *nəfsū*, etc.; and in Amharic, ܐܬܝܬܐ: *ərsū*, fem. ܐܬܝܬܐ: *ərsētū*, plur. ܐܬܝܬܐ: *ərsētyaw*, or with a further assimilation ܐܬܝܬܐ: *ərsū*, etc., from ܐܬܝܬܐ: *rē'əs*, "head."

On the formation of the plurals of the personal pronouns, I shall make some additional remarks when I come to treat of that subject in relation to the noun and verb. Meantime I pass on to the other classes of pronouns.

B. The Demonstrative Pronouns.

From the pronoun of the 3rd person, by prefixing the demonstrative particle or interjection *hā*, in vulgar Arabic *ā*, we get the compound pronoun *hā-hū*. This appears in the

Talmūd as **הָרֵיָא**, fem. **הָרֵיָא**, plur. **הָרֵיָא** (for **הָרֵיָא**). The word is often wrongly pointed **הָרֵיָא**, **הָרֵיָא**, whereby it is confounded with the Hebrew **הָרֵיָא**, **הָרֵיָא**, which is of a totally different origin, viz. by assimilation for **הָרֵיָא**. In Mandaitic the same word exists in the singular, **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**, without any corresponding plural. In Syriac the second *h* was elided, and the syllables *hā-ā*, *hā-ī*, contracted into **רֵיָא** *haw*, **רֵיָא** *hāy* or *hōy*, plur. **רֵיָא** *hānnūn*, **רֵיָא** *hānnūn* (for *hā-ān-hūn*, *hā-ān-hēn*). In the Palestinian dialect we also find the singular forms **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**; fem. **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**, but not the plural. In modern Syriac the corresponding words are **רֵיָא** *aw*, **רֵיָא** *ay*, often written and pronounced **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**, *ā* and *ē*, with the plur. **רֵיָא** *ānī* (from the old fem. **רֵיָא**), shortened into **רֵיָא** *ān* and **רֵיָא** *an*. From this is formed another pronoun by the addition of the particle **רֵיָא** at the end, to designate a more remote object; "that," "yonder," viz. **רֵיָא** **רֵיָא** (**רֵיָא** **רֵיָא**), *ā'd*, fem. **רֵיָא** **רֵיָא**, *ē'd*. The *n* which we have found in the plurals **רֵיָא**, **רֵיָא**, etc., seems to appear in the singular in the Assyrian *annu*, "this," whether we regard it as merely = *an* + *hū*, or as = *ā* + *in* + *hū*. The forms given by the grammarians are:

sing. masc. <i>annu</i>	(fem. <i>annat</i>), (<i>annit</i>)
plur. masc. <i>annūtu</i>	fem. <i>annātu</i> , <i>annītu</i> ,

with another plural form, perhaps of both genders, *annī* or *annē*.

In vulgar Arabic of Egypt the forms corresponding to **הָרֵיָא**, **הָרֵיָא**, **הָרֵיָא**, are still used with the original interjectional force: *āhō*, "there he is," *āhī*, "there she is," *āhūm* or *āhōm*, "there they are."

A very large number of demonstrative pronouns have their source in the cognate letters *d* and *t*, in juxtaposition with which we often find *k*, *l* and *n*. You will remember that Aram. **ד** *d* = Arab. **د** *dh*, **ט** = Eth. Heb. Assy. *s*; and that Aram. **ת** *t* = Arab. **ت** *th*, **פ** = Eth. **פ** *s*, Assy. **פ** *s*, Heb. **פ** *sh*.

One of the simplest of these pronouns is the Arabic ذَا, fem. *أُولَئِكَ*, *أُولَئِكَ*, plur. *أُولَئِكَ* or *أُولَئِكَ*, often written *plene* *أُولَئِكَ*. The corresponding forms in vulgar Arabic are *dā* or *dē*, fem. *dī*, plur. *daul* or *dōl*, *dōla*, *dōlī* (which seems to arise from a combination of the singular with the ancient plural). In Ethiopic we have the same word in the form ዘ: *zē*, fem. ዛ: *zē*, plur. ለገ: *ella*, fem. ለገ: *ella*. Its Hebrew equivalent is הוּ, fem. הִיא, for *zdt*, shortened into הוּ and הִי, plur. הֵם (1 Chron. xx. 8, generally with the art. הַהֵם), *הֵם*. The Phoenician forms are, as might be expected, very similar; viz. ה for both genders (perhaps with a difference of pronunciation, *zē*, *zū*); fem. also הוּ, in Plautus *sylī*; plur. הֵם, in Plautus *ily*. The form הֵם, which also occurs in Phoenician, has been regarded as equivalent to the Hebrew הֵם; but the article in Phoenician is the same as in Hebrew, and ה does not take the article in Phoenician even when the preceding substantive is defined (הַשֶּׁנִּי and הַשֶּׁנִּי). I prefer therefore to consider the *aleph* in הֵם as merely prosthetic. The very curt form of the word ה might readily lead to such a vowel being prefixed; and we find some support for this idea in the modern Ethiopic or Tigrifia form ለገ: fem. ለገ:: In the later Hebrew of the Mishnah we have masc. הוּ, fem. הִי (*zē* or *zū*), plur. הֵם. In Assyrian it is curious to find the form with *l* in the singular as well as the plur.;

sing. masc. <i>ullu</i>	fem. <i>ullat</i>
plur. masc. <i>ullūtu</i>	fem. <i>ullitū</i> ¹ .

By appending a demonstrative *u* to the masculine, we obtain the common J. Aram. form הוּ, *hū*, emphatic הוּהוּ, *hūhū*, with its simple fem. הִי, *hī*, and its plur. הֵם. The corresponding

¹ [The latter only in the Pentateuch, where it is probably to be viewed as a mere *scriptio defectiva* (הֵם) as in Phoenician. Cf. Kuenen *ut supra*. In any case הֵם is younger than הֵם, final הֵם being readily lost in Hebrew, as in רָעָה = רָעָה.]

² [The feminines are not recognised by Delitzsch.]

Phoenician forms are 𐤒 and 𐤓; and in certain Aramaic dialects (Egypto-Aram., Nabathcan) these words appear as 𐤓𐤒 and 𐤓. An Ethiopic form, with further demonstrative increment, is ዝኒቲ: *scñtī*, fem. ዛቲ: *sāṭi*, plur. ለኒቲ: *ellōntī*, fem. ለኒቲ: *ellāntī*.

For the sake of still greater emphasis, *hā* is prefixed to these forms, giving in Arabic هَذَا, fem. هَذِهِ or هَذِي, هَاتَا, plur. هَآءَ or هَآءِ; and vulgarly *hādā*, fem. *hādī*, plur. *hādāul*, and in Africa *hādūm*. In Egypt, with somewhat of the original interjectional force, *ādī*, "this here." The corresponding Aramaic words vary considerably in form according to the dialects. In the Targūms and the Talmūd we find הָרִין, fem. הָרָא (or עָרָא), plur. הָרָאִין and הָרָאִין (less correctly pronounced הָרָאִין and הָרָאִין); and similarly in the Palestinian dialect הָרִין or הָרִין, fem. הָרָא (for *hādā*), plur. הָרָאִין. In Mandaitic 𐤒 has generally taken the place of 𐤒; הָרִין, fem. הָרָא, plur. הָרָאִין. הָרָא however occurs, as also the compound הָרִין = Talmud. הָרִין, i.e. הָרִין. The ordinary Syriac forms are ܐܕܐ, fem. ܐܕܐ, plur. ܐܕܐ. Of these, ܐܕܐ stands for ܐܕܐ, and ܐܕܐ is weakened from ܐܕܐ, which occurs in the combination ܐܕܐܐ (for ܐܕܐܐ). Shorter forms are ܐܕ, for ܐܕܐ, and ܐܕ. Here too must be placed the Talmudic ܐܕܐ or ܐܕܐ, which latter is also found in Samaritan. Here 𐤓 has taken the place of 𐤒, whilst the aspirated 𐤒 *dh* is represented only by the aspiration *h*. This gradual elision of the *d*, combined with the ordinary dropping of the final *n*, enables us to explain the common Talmudic forms ܐܕܐ, fem. ܐܕܐ, plur. ܐܕܐ or ܐܕܐ, as corruptions of ܐܕܐ, ܐܕܐ, and ܐܕܐ. The modern Syriac words are very similar, viz. ܐܕܐ or ܐܕܐ, plur. ܐܕܐ. ܐܕܐ springs from the fem. ܐܕܐ, the original aspirated *d* (*dh*) being represented, as in ܐܕܐ, by an *h*; *h* having been gradually

dropped, *ā'd* has been contracted into *d*. Dialectically the forms *ā'āb*, *ā'ab*, are also used, both from *ā'āb*.

Now if to these series of pronouns we append the letter *ך*, we obtain another series, generally designating more distant objects.

The simplest of these is the J. Aram. *ךך* or *ךיכי*, fem. *ךך*, plur. *אֵלֵךְ*, which are formed from *בן*, *בא* and *אֵלֵין*. The Palestinian dialect exhibits the plural in the form *יִסְכְּבִי*. By prefixing *hā* we arrive at the Talmudic *הַךְ*, fem. *הַךְ*, plur. *הַכְּ* or *הַכְּךְ*, and the Mandaitic *הַכְּ* (masc. and fem.), plur. *הַלְכְּ*, which are contractions for *הַרְכִּיךְ*, *הַרְכִּיךְ*, and *הַלְכִּיךְ*. Here too the Syriac varieties *סַכְמִי*, fem. *סַכְמִי*, find their place; the former of which may perhaps be compounded with a form corresponding to the Mishnaic *אֵלֵךְ*. As for *סַכְמִי* (סַכְמִי), which is always masc., it is probably not a mere variation of *סַכְמִי*, but a different compound, viz. from *סַכְמִי* and *סַכְמִי*. In Arabic the corresponding pronoun is *ذَکَ*, fem. *تَکَ*, plur. *أُولَئِکَ* or *أُولَکَ*. The Arabs have, however, regarded the suffixed *کَ* as being the pronoun of the 2nd person, and hence, though *ذَکَ* is commonly used in speaking to two or more persons of both sexes, it is also permitted to use *ذَکَ* in addressing a woman, *ذَکָמָא* in speaking to two, and *ذَکֻמָּ* or *ذֻکֻ* in speaking to several, according to their sex. The vulgar forms, at least in North Africa, are *ذֻک* *dūk*, fem. *ذֻک* *dūk*, plur. *ذֻک* *dūk*. In Egypt we find, with the addition of *hā*, the forms *dikhā* (masc. fem.) and *dukhā* (masc.); and these may be still further strengthened by appending the pronoun of the 3rd pers., masc. *dukhauwā*, masc. fem. *dikhaiya*, plur. masc. fem. *dukhamma*. The Ethiopic presents us with this augmented pronoun in

the form חִי : *sēkū*, fem. לִי־חִי : *ēnēkū*, plur. לִי־חִי : *ēlēkū*. Here the fem. is remarkable, but we shall speak of it when we come to the simple relative form לִי : *ēnā*.

These pronouns again may be heightened by the accession of a fresh demonstrative syllable. Thus in Chaldee we find ܐܢܝܢ for both genders, with additional *n*. The Ethiopic presents us with a form with additional *tū*, viz. ሕዝቡ : *sēkwētū* or ሕዝቡ : *sēkū*, fem. እንተት : *ēntakū*, plur. እንተት : *ēlēkwētū* or እንተት : *ēlēkū*. The Arabic prefixes *hā* in the form هَـ , fem. هَاتَا , plur. هَاتَا ; which are much used in the vulgar dialects, هَـ *hādāk*, هَـ *hādīk*, plur. هَـ *hādūl ik*, or in North Africa هَـ *hādūk*. From *hādāk* seems to arise, by elision of the *d*, the form هَـ *hak*, used by the Bedouins; just as هَـ *hādā*, in combination with the article '*al*', becomes *hal*, which is used for all numbers and genders, as هَلْ كُنْتَ , هَلْ كُنْتَ , هَلْ كُنْتَ . Another strengthened form in old Arabic is ذَـ , where the letter *l* has been inserted between ذَـ and كَ ; its fem. is تِلْكَ , by contraction for تِلْكَ . Peculiar to the Mandaitic is the word ܕܢܢܐܢܐܢܐ (masc. and fem.), plur. masc. ܕܢܢܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , fem. ܕܢܢܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ . Here it seems tolerably clear that we have again the prefixes ܕܢ and ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , contracted into ܕܢܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , and the suffixes of the 3rd person; but it is not so easy to say what is represented by the letters ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , unless we admit Noeldeke's suggestion that they are identical with ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , the Aramaic form of ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ .

Finally, under this head, we have a few demonstratives that are formed by means of the prefix ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ . Here I mention first, though somewhat doubtfully, the Talmudic pronoun ܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ , fem.

אִידִי; doubtfully, I say, because it may also be explained, as I did above, by assimilation from אִינְרוֹ, אִינְהִי. This latter view is countenanced by the plurals אִינְהוּ, אִינְהִי. The forms נִירוֹ and נִינְרוֹ, representing the substantive verb, seem to be fresh compounds of the demonstrative *n* and אִירוֹ, אִינְהוֹ; e.g. מֵאִי נִירוֹ "what it is," אֲנִי נִירוֹ "it is I," צְדִיקֵי נִינְהוּ "they are perfectly righteous men." More certain examples of this formation with prefixed *i* are אִירִי (for אִירִין), fem. אִירָא; and אִירָךְ, plur. אִירָךְ.

To designate a definite pronominal accusative, especially of a somewhat emphatic kind, we find in the Semitic languages a peculiar word joined with the pronominal suffixes. In Ethiopic this is ንሥ: *kīyā*, a word regarding the origin of which various conjectures have been hazarded, but which I am inclined to think finds its source in the demonstrative *k*, to which we have so often referred. From this are formed, with the usual pronominal suffixes, *kīyā-ya*, *kīyā-ka*, etc. By the weakening of כ into ה (of which I gave some examples in a former lecture), we obtain the Arabic dialectic form هـ. From this it is but a step

to the common Arabic اِئ *iyā*, which is used precisely like its Ethiopic equivalent, and appears in Tigrifā in the contracted form of ا: *i*, denoting *self*, as ا: *iyā*, ا: *ikhā*, ا: *iyū*. In the other Semitic languages this word takes the feminine termination *at* or *t*, probably appended to it in order to bring out more strongly the abstract idea of *hoccitas* (if I may use such a word); and in these languages its range of use is considerably wider than in Arabic and Ethiopic. Hence we get, in the first place, the Phoenician אִית, which was doubtless pronounced in the earlier stages of the language *iyāth* or *iyath*; for otherwise the *y* would not have been inserted in writing, as is almost invariably the case in the older inscriptions. In the inscriptions of later date, however, we find אִת, and Plautus heard the word pronounced *yth*. The Aramaic forms seem to be shortened from the Phoen., viz. Syr. ا, Chald. י, less correctly ית. These

are used not only as a sign of the definite accus., **ܠܗܝܠܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** **ܕܠܗܝܠܐ**; but also as a substantive, signifying *self*, e. g. **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ ܕܠܗܝܠܐ** "he who knows himself," **ܠܗܝܠܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "free-will"; and likewise in the Palestinian dialects and in Samaritan to form demonstratives, as in the phrases **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "on that same day," **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "in that same year," **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "at that same time," **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "that man is a thief," **ܐܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܐ** "this is of use to me, those are not." In this way we may best explain the Mandaitic demonstrative spoken of above, **ܐܬܐ** (masc. and fem.), **ܐܬܐ**, where **ܐܬܐ** is probably = **ܐܬܐ**. Similarly in Hebrew *yāth* was further altered into *āth*, whence, by the usual change of *ā* into *ō*, resulted the common form *ōth*, **אֹת**. In close connection with a following word this *ōth* was shortened into *oth*, just as from **נְחֹשֶׁת** and **שֶׁלֶשֶׁת** we get **נְחֹשֶׁתִּי** and **שֶׁלֶשֶׁתִּי**. Next, *oth* was changed into *ath*, as in **אַתָּה** for *attūm*; and finally this *ath* was heightened by the tone into *ēth*, **אתָ**. In later Hebrew, perhaps under the influence of the surrounding Aramaic dialects, **אתָ** came to be used, like **אתָ**, as a demonstrative: **יָשַׁב לוֹ אוֹתוֹ, בְּאוֹתָהּ שָׁעָה, בְּאוֹתוֹ הַיּוֹם** "that one sat down," **וְכֹרֵר אוֹתוֹ הָאִישׁ לְטוֹב**. In Assyrian I find a word *attu*, which seems to be nearly connected with *yāth* and *ōth*, for example in such phrases as *attūa abūa* "my father" ("mon père à moi"), *sirya attūa* "my family" (ורע), *dināta attūa* "my laws" (דין), *bīta attūnu* "our house," *ša la iptallahū abīya wa attua* "who revere (פלח) not my father and me." Schrader also regards as cognate with *yāth* the words *yāti* and *āši*, in such phrases as *yāti Nabūnahīd šusihanni*, "as for me, Nabunit, save (שׁוּב) thou me"; and again, *ša lā iplahū abūtīya u āši lā išbatū nīr sarrūtīya*, "who did not fear my fathers, and, as regards me, did not take up the yoke of my rule." These words *yāti* and *āši* he explains as made up of *ya* + *a* + *ti* or *ši*, i.e. *ya* for *yath*, *a* suffix of the 1st pers., and a further demonstrative *ti* or *ši*. Sayce, however, gives a differ-

ent explanation of both words, so that we are evidently on unsafe ground. Even the Hebrew **אֵלֶּה** has been explained in a manner different from that which I have just suggested to you, for some scholars have regarded it as a substantive, nearly equivalent in form and meaning to the Arabic ^{سَمَاءَ} **أَيْ** "sign" or "mark," "form" or "body," thus identifying it with the word **אֵלֶּה** (for **אֵלֶּה** or **אֵלֶּה**), or else assuming a form **אֵלֶּה** or **אֵלֶּה**, from the construct state of which (**אֵלֶּה** or **אֵלֶּה**) **אֵלֶּה** might be derived by contraction.

Before quitting the demonstrative pronouns, I will say a few words regarding the definite article, which really belongs to this class of words. Its original form was, in all probability, **הֵל**, a compound of *hā* and *l*, nearly in the sense of the Latin *ille*, connected with the adverbs **הֵלָּא** "away," "beyond," and **הֵלֶּם** "here," "hither." In Hebrew the *l* was assimilated to all following letters; and when the doubling wholly ceased to be audible, the loss of it was compensated by the heightening of the vowel into *ā*, as in **הָאִישׁ**, **הָרֶגֶר**, **הָעִיר**, **הָרֹאשׁ**, on which and other modifications of the article see your Hebrew grammars. In Phœnician its form is the same as in Hebrew, but it is not so frequently used as in the latter language, e.g. **מִשְׁכְּבִי** for **הַמִּשְׁכְּבִי**, **הַמִּשְׁכְּבִי** for **הַמִּשְׁכְּבִי**, **הַמִּשְׁכְּבִי** for **הַמִּשְׁכְּבִי**.

The Arabs ordinarily weakened the initial **ה** to **א**, but restricted the assimilation of the final *l* to a following dental, sibilant or liquid (the so-called *solar letters* **ت ث د ذ ر ز س ش**), e.g. **الْإِنْسَانُ**, **الْجَبَلُ**, **الْمَدِينَةُ**, but **الْتَوْرُ** (**التَّوْرَةُ**), **النَّهْرُ** (**النَّهْرُ**). In Egypt this assimilation is nowadays extended to **ج** and **ك**, as *eg-gazzār*, *eg-gum'a* "Friday," *ek-kull*, *ek-kenīse* "church." The letter *l*, however, though assimilated in pronunciation, is always written. The Arabian Bedouins are still said to retain the old pronunciation *hal*, saying

has-sanah instead of *as-sanah*, הַשָּׁנָה. Generally speaking, however, the initial *elif* is regarded as so weak in sound that it suffers elision whenever another word precedes, e. g. أَبُو الْمَلِكِ *abu 'l-maliki*, not *abū al-maliki*, فِي النَّاسِ *fi 'n-nāsi*, not *fī an-nāsi*, نَالَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ *kāla 'r-rajulu*, not *kāla ar-rajulu*, كَالَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ *kālati 'l-mar'atu*, not *kālat al-mar'atu*. Indeed it was at times dropped altogether and only the *l* sounded, and this is common at the present day, e. g. *lahmar* "red," *liswid* "black," *lashar*, the "*Ashar*" mosque, *lctnēn* "the two."

In Ethiopic there is no definite article, and the same appears to be the case in Assyrian. The Aramaic dialects labour under the same deficiency, but make up for it by appending to the noun the demonstrative *hā* or *ā*, which appears in writing as an *aleph*; thus מְסִינָא, מְסִינָא; נְבִירָא, נְבִירָא. With this we may compare the postpositive *en* and *et* of the Scandinavian tongues, derived from an older *inn* and *it* (e. g. Danish *Mand*, *Manden*; *Hus*, *Huset*), of which we shall have to make mention again hereafter. More to our present purpose, however, is the Himyaritic suffixed *n*, e. g. in מוֹנֵן "this monument" or "tablet," שְׁעָרָה | וּבְנָהּ | בְּנוּ | מִרְתָּם | רִקְנֵי | אֶלְמָה | דָּהֵן | מוֹנֵן | חֲמֵתָה | בֵּן | וְטָבֵן | עֵדֵן | שְׁמֵהֵעֵל | מְשִׁלָּם "this stone," or in מְשִׁלָּם | בֵּן | מְשִׁלָּם | עֵתֵת | מְשִׁלָּם | מוֹנֵן and מְשִׁלָּם, as seems to result from such forms as בֵּין | מְשִׁלָּם | "between these two towers" or "castles," אֲבַעַל | בֵּיתָהֵן | "the lords of these two houses," בֵּיתָהֵן "this house of ours" (where the *ן* is the suffix of the 1st pers. plur.³). Often the demonstrative pronoun דָּת, fem. דֵּת, is prefixed to such words, as דֵּת מוֹנֵן.

³ [This statement rests on a misconception: هَازِي السَّنَةِ stands for هَازِي السَّنَةِ. Nöld.]

² Other examples are: דֵּת סִטֵּן, "this inscription"; דֵּת וְחֵן, "this idol"; דֵּת פִּתֵּן, "this door"; דֵּת מְבִינֵן, "this building"; צִלָּם, "this statue"; וּבְנָהֵן, "and these two camels."

C. *The Relative Pronouns.*

The relative in its simplest form is, it may be said, identical with the demonstrative pronoun. As the Germans use *der* instead of *welcher*, and we English *that* instead of *who*, so did the Semites employ closely cognate or identical words as demonstratives and relatives.

The simplest of the relative forms is the 𐤀 of the Biblical Aramaic, shortened in the Targums and in Syriac into 𐤁, 𐤂 *da*. One or other of these forms appears in all the Aramaic dialects except the Egyptian and that of some ancient inscriptions, which have 𐤀. The Mandaites say *da* as well as *da*, and the same form 𐤁 is occasionally found in Samaritan. I need only remark in addition that in Mandaitic 𐤁 is used in a few cases instead of the common 𐤁, as 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁 "he who does good," 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁 "he who does evil" (where 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 = 𐤁𐤁𐤁); 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 "spirit of our fathers." The word 𐤀, which is mentioned by Gesenius and others as the Mandaitic form of the relative, has no existence, being merely a false reading of the somewhat abbreviated character of the word 𐤁. In modern Syriac 𐤁 or 𐤂 is frequently employed for 𐤂, as 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁 (for 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁) "the Saviour of the world," 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 (for 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁) "forgiveness of sins," 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 (for 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁) "the passion of our Lord," *bārit islū*, i.e. 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁, "after Jesus."

Identical with this 𐤀 or 𐤁 is the Arabic 𐤁𐤁, generally employed in this one form for both genders and all numbers; as 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 "he who said that came to me," 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁𐤁 "my well which I dug." The use of this word is, however, only dialectic. In S. Arabia the Ḥimyaritic furnishes us with similar forms: masc. 𐤁 (𐤁), fem. 𐤁𐤁, plur. 𐤁𐤁 or 𐤁𐤁.

In Ethiopic we find H: *sd*, with a fem. 𐤁𐤁𐤁: *enta*, and a plur. 𐤁𐤁𐤁, all bearing a striking resemblance to the corresponding

forms of the demonstratives. H: *sd* may be used, like הָ and הֵ, for both genders and numbers. The fem. לָזָה: we must trace back to the demonstrative particle *en*, or the letter *n*, plus the fem. termination *z*; and the plur. לָזִי: to the demonstrative letter *l*. In Hebrew occurs the cognate form וְזִי, likewise invariable.

In Arabic and Hebrew the simple article ^{ال}ה, is sometimes employed as a relative; e.g. ^{مِنْ}مِنَ الْقَوْمِ ^{الَّذِينَ}رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ^{مِنْهُمْ} "of the people of whom is the Apostle of God," for ^{الَّذِينَ}رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ^{مِنْهُمْ}; Joshua x. 24, ^{הַ}הֶחָלָקָא ^{אֲתוּ} "who went with him"; 1 Sam. ix. 24, ^{וְכָל}הַחֲקִידִישׁ ^{שְׁמוּאֵל}; 1 Chron. xxvi. 28, ^{אֶת־הַשּׁוֹק}וְהַעֲלִיָּה.

Hence, from a combination of these two words, with the insertion of the demonstrative letter *l* (as in ^{ذَلِكَ}), arises the ordinary Arabic relative ^{الَّذِي}, with its fem. ^{الَّتِي}, for the full inflection of which see the Arabic grammar. Its form in the vulgar dialects is ^{إِلِي} *elli*, in Maltese even shortened into ^{لي} *li*, for all the genders and numbers. Identical with ^{الَّذِي} in form, though not exactly in meaning, is the Hebrew demonstrative ^{הַלֹּזֶה}, shortened into ^{הַלֹּזִי}, just as ^{الَّذِي} is sometimes found in the form ^{الَّذ}. ^{הַלֹּזִי} is used as fem. in 2 Kings iv. 25, ^{הִנֵּה}הַלֹּזִי, and another form, ^{הַלֹּזִי} *hallēsh*, also occurs as fem. in Ezekiel xxxvi. 35, ^{הָאָרֶץ}הַלֹּזִי הַנִּשְׁמָה. This last seems to be weakened from ^{הַלֹּזִי}, and to exhibit this pronoun in even a purer form than ^{הַלֹּזֶה} and ^{الَّذِي}.

The relative pronoun in Assyrian is *ša* or *šā*, which admits of no variation, but is evidently connected with the simple pronoun *šū*, "he," and the demonstrative *ša-nu*.

The Hebrew word **אֲשֶׁר**, though familiar to us all, is difficult to analyse. Some, as for instance Fleischer, Mühlau and Sayce, following an older scholar named Tsepregi, regard **אֲשֶׁר** as the Hebrew representative of the Aramaic **ܐܬܪܐ**, **ܐܬܪܐ**, "place," in Syriac also "trace," "track," "footstep," as in **ܐܬܪܐ** (for *ba-athar*) "after," "behind," Arab. **أَثَر** and **إِثْر**, "trace," "track," "footstep," Eth. **ለሠር**:: In support of this view they appeal to analogies in other languages, e. g. the Chinese, where *so* means both "place" and "which," and to the vulgar use of *wo* in German, for example, "Der Mann, *wo* ich gesehen habe," instead of *welchen*, or again, "Der Fremde, *wo* du mit ihm gegessen hast," instead of "mit welchem du gegessen hast." Gesenius, in his immortal work, the *Thesaurus Linguae Hebraeae*, sought to connect **אֲשֶׁר** with the Hebrew radical **אֲשֶׁר**: "Modo in tali vocabulo de etymo quaerendum est, **אֲשֶׁר** pr. *rectum* valuisse conjecerim ab **אֲשֶׁר** *rectus fuit*, deinde *recte, ita*, i. q. **אֲשֶׁר** et Germ. *so*, idque in antiquiore lingua in pron. relat. abiisse. Cf. **אֲשֶׁר** *ita*, et relativum **אֲשֶׁר**, et contra Germ. *so*, i. e. propr. relat. scm. Simonis relationem ita exprimi censet, quod ad sequentia recta tendat." Ewald, whose opinions I would always mention with the respect due to so great a scholar,—Ewald's latest view seems to have been that **אֲשֶׁר** stands for **אֲשֶׁל**, and is compounded of two demonstratives, **אֲשֶׁ** = **אֲשֶׁ**, **ל**, **אֲשֶׁ** and **ל**, *plus* the prosthetic **אֲ**. Finally, Friedrich Böttcher looks upon **אֲשֶׁר** as standing for **אֲשֶׁל**, and as made up of a merely prosthetic **אֲ**, and a word **שֶׁל**, which he regards as an older form of the article **הַל** (just as *su* seemed to be an older form of **הוּא**, or the verbal conj. **הָשֶׁל** = **הָשֶׁל**, **הָשֶׁל**). As the matter at present stands, we have to choose, I think, between Fleischer's view on the one hand, and Ewald's or Böttcher's on the other; and, on the whole, I incline to the latter, in so far as I would seek the origin of the relative pronoun somewhere in the region of the demonstratives. For the

interchange of ל and ר, even in this region, compare the Syriac ܠܫܢܐ, "here," with the Chaldee ܠܫܢܐ. In Hebrew the longest form of the word is ܠܫܢܐ, but there are several shorter forms, without ܠ and usually with assimilation of the final *r* or *l* to the following letter; viz. ܠ, ܠ, ܠ, but also ܠ (in ܠܫܢܐ, Eccles. iii. 18, and according to one reading in ܠܫܢܐ for ܠܫܢܐ, Eccles. ii. 22). In Phoenician the word is written ܠܫ, but that the ܠ may originally have had a vowel is at least suggested by the transcription of words handed down to us by Latin and Greek authors, such as *Nesso esse sade* (capillus Veneris), i. e. ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ. More frequent, however, are the shorter forms *as*, *es*, *ys*, *is*, and also *si*, *su*, which last correspond to the Hebrew ܠ; e. g. in the Poenulus, *assamar binam*, ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ "what he says is friendly"; *ys siddobrim*, ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ *thyfel yth chyl ys chon them liful*, i. e. (probably), ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ, in Latin *eum fecisse aiunt, sibi quod faciundum fuit*; or, to quote another line, *yth alonim valonuth siorathi simacom syth*, i. e. ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ.

The use of the relative as a conjunction, and as a sign of the genitive relation between two substantives, belongs rather to the department of Syntax than of Etymology. These phenomena need cause you no surprise, if you reflect, on the one hand, that the Greek particle *ὅς* is only a case of the relative pronoun *ὅς*; and, on the other, that the Persian *isāfat* or connective vowel *i* in such constructions as ܠܫܢܐ ܠܫܢܐ *nām-i pidar-i man*, "the name of my father," is merely a corruption of what was the relative pronoun in the older stages of the language.

I may therefore conclude my remarks on the relative by referring briefly to certain *possessive* pronouns, which are formed from it in several of the Semitic languages. In Ethiopic we find ܠܫ, fem. ܠܫܬ, plur. ܠܫܬ, combined with suffixes as follows: *sī'd-ya*, *sī'd-ka*, *sī'a-lhī*, *sī'd-na*, *sī'a-kémū*, *sī'a-hómū*, etc. Here we may perhaps discern the relative ܠ: *za*, in combination with the pronoun *kīyā*, or rather its Arabic form *iyā*, of which I

spoke in a former lecture. In Aramaic we meet with two forms, *דִּיר* and *דִּיל*. The former is found in the Talmūd, e.g. *אֲנִי דִּיר וְאִיהֶוּ דִּירָהוּ* "we (occupy ourselves) with our affairs, and they with theirs." This arises, as Luzzatto has suggested, from a combination of *דִּי* with *יָד*, "hand." It also occurs in modern Syriac in the forms *ܕܝܝܐ*, *ܕܝܝܬܐ*, *ܕܝܝܬܐ*, *ܕܝܝܬܐ*, etc., with clision of the *d* between two vowels. The other form *דִּיל*, i. e. *דִּי* plus the prep. *ל*, is found in Biblical Aramaic, e.g. Dan. ii. 20—*דִּי חֲכָמָתָא וְגִבּוֹרָתָא דִּי-לָהּ הִיא*; and prevails in the Targūms and in Syriac¹. The equivalent *שָׁל*, from *אֲשֶׁר ל*, occurs in later Hebrew, as well as in Phoenician. Already in Jonah i. 7 we read *בְּשָׁלִי* "for whose cause?" and in ver. 12, *בְּשָׁלִי* "for my sake"; and similarly in the Poenulus *ulic silli*, *רֹלֵךְ שָׁלִי*, "my guest" (lit. "wanderer"); *amma silli*, *אִמָּא שָׁלִי*, "my mother"; *bene silli*, *בְּנֵי שָׁלִי*, "my son." A fuller form seems to occur on a Tyrian signet ring, viz. *לְבַעֲלִיתֵן* *אֵשׁ אֱלֹם אֲשֶׁלְמֶלְכָּתָּא רַצָּא* "(belonging) to Ba'al-yathon, a priest (lit. a gods'-man) of Melkart Rsph."

D. The Interrogative Pronouns.

The first of these to which I would direct your attention is the Arabic *أَيَّ* *ayy*, fem. *أَيَّة* *ayyah*, fully inflected, meaning "who, which, what?" It governs a genitive, as *أَيَّ أَرْضٍ* or *أَيَّةَ أَرْضٍ*, "which land?" *أَيَّ الرَّجُلَيْنِ*, "which of the two men?" *أَيَّهِمَا*, "which of them?" *أَيَّ الرَّجَالِ*

¹ Compare the African *الذي ل* = *الذي ل*.

² In vulgar Arabic it has become *شي*, or in combination with *شي* (thing) *شي*; *لي*

This word seems to me to have its ultimate source in the interrogative particle ¹א, Heb. אֲ. It is found in Ethiopic too in the sing. ለይ: *ay*, plur. ለዎት: *ayyāṭ*, for both genders; and in the modern Tigrīna it appears as ለይነ: ለዎነ: ለዎነ: ለዎነ: or ለዎነነ:, which are probably compounds of ለይ: and the Ethiopic interrogative ኑ:: In the other Semitic languages this word has more of an adverbial force, being prefixed to other words to convert them into interrogatives, and entering into the composition of a great many interrogative adverbs. In Hebrew, for example, it appears as אֲ (ʾ for *ay*) in הֲ אֲ, “who, which?” מִן אֲ “from which?” מֵאֲ לָּ אֲ “wherefore, why?” But also as an independent word in the sense of “where?” with pronom. suffixes, הֲאֵנִי, הֵנִי, הֵנָּה; and in a longer form without suffix, הֵנָּה. Of compound words the most ordinary examples are:

𐤀 (for **𐤁**, Arabic اَيْنَ) "where?" contracted **𐤀**, and as an accusative **𐤁𐤀** "whither?" **𐤁𐤏**, **𐤁𐤋**, and **𐤁𐤍**, "how?" **𐤁𐤌** "where? how?" Similar formations in Ethiopic are **ለይቲ**: "where?" and, with a shortening of **ለይ**: into **ለ**: **ኒ**, **እፍ**: **ኔፊ**, "how? how!" reduplicated **እፍፍ**: **ኔፊፊ**, **እፈፍ**: **ኔፈፊ**, or **እፎፍ**: **ኔፈፊ**; and **እስፍነቱ**: "how much? how many?" from **ስፍነ**: **ኔፍን**, which is properly a noun meaning "number," "quantity." In Aramaic we have two forms of this word, for just as the Arabic اَيْنَ is in Hebrew אֵיךְ, so in Aramaic we find both **אין** and **איך**. The latter, **איך**, is the ordinary form in the Talmūd Bābli and in the Syriac dialect of Palestine. For instance, in the Talmūd, **איך** or **איך**, fem. **איך** or **איך** "who?" "which?"; in Palestinian Syriac likewise **ܐܝܚܐ**, fem.

lō, "why?" In Egypt, *enhā, enhī, enhim*, as *min enhā gins*, "of what kind," but separately *enhā, enhī, enhim*, "who?" "which?", where *en* is probably for *zn* = *why*. [So Spitta, p. 80. But Nöldeke explains the *n* as a remnant of the old *en*.]

Tanwin, من أي هو, and so forth.]

וּסְמִי. Further, in the Talmūd, הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ or הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "who," "which," "what is—?" for הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ; הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "how?" הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "where?" הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "in respect of which?" "in reference to which?" for הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ; לִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "to which?" "whither?" for לִי יִרְנֵנּוּ. In the Aramaic of the Targūms both forms occur; הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ and הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ "how?" הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ and הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ, fem. הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ and הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ, "who, which?" הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ and הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ, "where?" הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ and הִי יִרְנֵנּוּ, "how?" In Syriac we have only the forms with *aleph*, but in great abundance; for instance: אִכְּ (akk) "how," "as," with its derivatives אִכְּ "as," "like," אִכְּ "together," "at once," אִכְּ "as one who," "as if," אִכְּ, "as"; further, אִכְּ "where?" from אִכְּ "here"; אִכְּ, "how?" for אִכְּ and אִכְּ; אִכְּ "whence?" for אִכְּ; אִכְּ for אִכְּ, "who?" with its fem. אִכְּ, and plur. אִכְּ for אִכְּ; and finally, with a shortening of אִכְּ into אִכְּ, "when?" in the Targūms אִכְּ and אִכְּ, from the Heb. מִתִּי, Arab. مَتِي. In modern Syriac there are similar forms, though of course more or less corrupted. Such are: אִכְּ or אִכְּ ikā, "where?" אִכְּ edānā, for אִכְּ, "when?" אִכְּ or אִכְּ iminē, "which of them?" אִכְּ, in Talmudic אִכְּ מִיִּדְּוֹ; further, אִכְּ "who?" from אִכְּ and אִכְּ, with another form אִכְּ, which is, strictly speaking, derived from the old plural אִכְּ. In Mandaitic the same interrogative exists in אִכְּ m'nā, "whence?" which is also a Talmudic form, for אִכְּ or אִכְּ, i.e. אִכְּ; אִכְּ minnē lāk, in the Talmud אִכְּ לך, undenam tibi? Also in אִכְּ or אִכְּ, for אִכְּ, "whither?" אִכְּ millē, "whence?" אִכְּ or אִכְּ, "when?" אִכְּ and אִכְּ or אִכְּ, "where?" from אִכְּ, with suffix אִכְּ "where is—?" in which form the real interrogative has wholly disappeared, just as in the modern Syriac

כַּיִן "where is he?" from אֵיכָּן *ikā*, "where?" Here too I should mention the Mandaitic forms דַּאֲמַנִּיא and דַּאֲמַנּוּ, probably standing for הָאֵי מְנַהֵן and דַּאֲמַנִּיא מְנַהֵן, e.g. דַּאֲמַנִּיא תִּידִילְפֹּן "in which will ye cross over?" כּוֹרְסִיא דִּלִּיא דַּאֲמַנּוּ הוּ "which (of them) is my throne?"

Another interrogative pronoun in the Semitic languages is that which is characterised by the initial letter *m*. Its oldest forms appear to me to be *man* for the masc., and *mant* for the fem.; but in practice *man* is used as the interrogation for persons of both sexes, "who?" whilst *mant* is employed in speaking of things, "what?"

In Ethiopic we actually find these oldest forms in use; ሙን: *manū*, acc. ሙን: *manā*, "who?" and ሙንተ: *mēnt*, acc. ሙንተ: *mēnta*, "what?" The Himyar. form is also ሙን, but more usually ን, with the substitution of ን for ሙ. In Arabic we have ordinarily مَنْ *man* for persons, but a distinction of gender is made in the rare case of the word standing alone, when it is fully inflected, the masc. sing. being مَنْو *manū*, and the fem. مَنْه *manah* (with aspirated *h*, for مَنْت) and sometimes مَنْت *mant*. The Assyrian forms are said to be *mannu* or *manu* and *man*, which last is identical with the Aramaic מֵן, מַן. Hence arise in the Aramaic dialects, by the addition of the pronoun *hū*, such forms as Syriac هُوَ; Talmudic הוּ, fem. הִי, מֵן הוּ, מֵן הִי; Mandaitic هَوَا; modern Syriac هَوَا, هَوَا, هَوَا, which is strictly speaking derived from the old feminine. The forms in the vulgar dialects of Abyssinia are not dissimilar to those of the ancient Ethiopic, viz. Tigrīña ሙን: "who?" and ሙንተ: *mēntāy*, rarely ሙንተ: and ለንተ: "what?" This latter is compounded of ሙንተ: and the other interrogative ለ: In Amharic the commonest forms are ለን: "who?" and ሙን: "what," shortened from ሙንተ:.

Vulgar Arabic forms of مَنْ are مَنْ and مَنْ. The change of vowel in the former case is due to the influence of the labial *m*;

in the latter, it is the natural weakening of *ā* in the shut syllable, and is pronounced in pause *mīn* מִין. From a form resembling this last must have arisen, by the rejection of the final *n*, the Hebrew מִי "who?" It is also found in Ethiopic, but as a neuter, "what?" or else as an adverb "how!" e.g. ጢረዐ: "how pleasant!" ጢረዐ: "how great is—!" ጢረዐ: "how great?" "how much?" (from ጢረዐ: "measure, quantity"). The Phoenician form of the personal interrogative seems also, from some phrases in the *Poenulus*, to have been *mt*.

The neuter form *mā* is common to the Arabic, Hebrew, Phoenician, and the Aramaic dialects, مَا, מָה, מָה, מָה; and we also find abundant traces of it in Assyrian, as I shall show you presently. This form I would venture to explain, with Fr. Böttcher, as follows. The original *mant* became by assimilation *matt*; the doubling was gradually dropped, because hardly audible, at the end of the word, leaving *mat*. This would gradually lead to the aspiration of the final *t*, *math*. The aspirated letter would first pass into *h*, מַה, *mah*, and finally disappear altogether in pronunciation, the vowel being lengthened in the now open syllable, מָה, *māh*. Compare the different stages of such words as אַנְגַּ, אַנְ, אַנְ "anger" (Arab. أَنْف "nose"), or הַנֶּת, with suffix הַנֶּתִי, from הַנֶּת, הַנֶּת, הַנֶּת or הַנֶּת, הַנֶּת (for הַנֶּתֶת); and the series of changes which produced the ordinary feminine termination of nouns הַתְּ, הַתְּ, out of the original *at*, viz. (1) *at*, (2) *ath*, הַתְּ, (3) *ah*, with aspirated *h* (found in Arabic in rhyme), and finally (4) *ā*, הַתְּ, הַתְּ. In this way too we are enabled to give an easy explanation of the *daghesh forte* which so constantly follows this word, and of the forms מַה, מָה, מָה, as compared with those of the article הַ, הַ, הַ, from הַל.

From מָה by the addition of הַ we obtain in Talmudic and Mandaitic the forms מַהוּ, מַהוּ, "what is it?" מַהוּ is con-

tracted in Mandaitic into מַּ in the word מֵמָ "why?" i.e. מֵמָ אֶל מֵמָ. By adding דִּין to מֵמָ there arises in Talmudic the word מֵמָ "what?" in composition מֵמָ "wherefore?" "why?" = מֵמָ דִּין. In ancient Syriac the same combination of מֵמָ with דִּנָּא and דִּין finally resulted in the contracted forms מֵמָ and מֵ, the latter of which was farther weakened into מֵ. Hence in combination with דִּן arose the form מֵמָ "what is it?" = מֵמָ דִּן. In modern Syriac this same mā-dēn has been contracted into مَلَمَب, with a rather unusual weakening of the vowel in this dialect; and this is farther shortened into مَلَم, مَلَم, and even مَلَم, as in مَلَمَ خُجُمَر "what shall we do?"

With regard to the neutral مَ in Arabic, I may observe that it is not unfrequently shortened into مَ *mā*, especially in connection with prepositions, as مَ عَمَّ, مَ إِلَيَّ, مَ عَلَيَّ, مَ مِنِّ, مَ عَنْ, for مِمْ, عَنْ, مِمْ, عَلَيَّ, مِمْ, عَلَيَّ, مِمْ, عَلَيَّ. These last two words are still further abbreviated in poetry into مِمْ and مِمْ, which shows us the origin of the word كَمْ "how much?" standing for كَمْ or كَمَا, Syriac ܟܡܐ, Hebrew ܟܡܐ. In Ethiopic this abbreviated *mā* is frequently appended to other interrogatives, with somewhat the same force as the Latin *nam*; e.g. ጠንቅ: (*mānnū-mā*) እንተ: "who art thou, pray?" ጠንቅቲ: *mānt-nū-mā*, እድገ: *ayē-mā*, እድገ: *ēfō-mā*, ጠንቅቲ: *mā'ēzē-nū-mā*.

That these interrogative pronouns should pass into indefinites, with the sense of "who, whoever, what, whatever," is only what might be naturally expected, and the consideration of this point belongs rather to comparative syntax than to our present subject. Sundry forms must, however, for the sake of completeness, be noticed here. And firstly, the Assyrian words *manni-ma*, *manni-ma*, *man-man*, by assimilation *mamman*, and

man-mā, "whoever," "any one"; *minma*, "whatever." Of these, *manman* or *manman* is merely a reduplication of *man*; *manúma*, *mandma*, and *manma*, are formed by the addition of *ma* to *mannu* or *man*; and *mimma* arises from a neuter *mi*, like the Ethiopic ጳ: *mī*. Similar words may be found in the modern dialects of Abyssinia. For instance, Tigrīña has ጳጌጳ: or ጳጌጳ: "whoever," "any one"; and in Amharic there occurs ጳጌጳ:, with the neuters ጳጌጳ: and ጳጌጳጌጳ::

The indefinite *mā* is often attached in Arabic as an enclitic to another word, to give it a certain vagueness, as قَلِيلٌ مَا "a small quantity"; اَعْطِنِي كِتَابًا مَا "give me some book or other." At other times it conveys something of an intensifying force, as جِئْتَ لِمَرٍّ مَا "thou art come for some matter" (of importance); whence أَيُّ نَفْسٍ مَا is often nearly equivalent to أَيُّ نَفْسٍ "what a youth!" "what a man!" Hence we obtain an easy explanation of such a word as the Chaldee ܡܕܥܡ "something," which is in reality a contraction of ܡܕܥ ܡܐ "scibile quid." All the other forms of this word are only more or less corrupted; e.g. Chald. ܡܕܥܡ (like ܡܕܥ for ܡܕܥ), Mand. ܡܝܢܪܐ, Syr. ܡܕܥܡ, Talmud. ܡܝܢܝ, modern Syriac ܡܝܢܝܐ. In later times the word began to be treated in some of the dialects as a simple substantive, and to form a plural; e.g. in old Syriac ܡܕܥܡܐ and in modern Syriac ܡܝܢܝܐ, whilst the Mandaitic forms a new substantive ܡܝܢܐ, "a thing," plur. ܡܝܢܝܐ.

To return to the Arabic مَا: we also find it used, especially with prepositions, without its apparently adding anything to the sense; e.g. مِنْ غَيْرِ مَا جَرِمَ "in every year," فِي كُلِّ مَا عَامٍ "without any offence," مِمَّا خَطِيئَتِهِمْ "because of their sins,"

بِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ "after a little," عَمَّا قَلِيلٍ "by God's mercy." The same is the case in Hebrew, only that מָה has in this case been modified into מַה. Hence בְּמִשְׁלַל, Job ix. 30, *ḥēz*; בְּמִשְׁלָל, Ps. xi. 2; לְמִי-חָרָב, Job xxvii. 14; and בְּמִשְׁלָבָן, Exod. xv. 5. So also before pronominal suffixes בְּמִנִּי, בְּמִוֶּךְ, בְּמִוֶּדֶי. Here the Ethiopic at once shows the old form in its *ḥ*: *kāma*, "as," "like," but with suffixes *ḥ* *ṣ* *p*: *kamā-ya*, *kamā-ka*, *kamā-hī*, *kamā-hōmū*. You will, I think, find the same weakening of *mā* to *mō* in a word which appears in the Chaldee lexicons as מוֹדְלָא or מוֹלָא "wealth," "property," with the variants מוֹדְלָא and מוֹלָא, the former of which is certainly a mere error. מוֹלָא seems to me to be identical with the Arabic مَال, which is in reality a compound of مَا "what" and ل "to," literally, "what belongs to one." In מוֹדְלָא the compound has been strengthened by the relative ך; that is to say מוֹדְלִי "my property," or מוֹדְלֵיהּ "his property," is really מוֹ + ך + לִי or לֵיהּ, literally "that which is to me" or "to him."

E. The Reflexive Pronouns.

Finally, it may be as well to say a few words regarding the mode of expressing the reflex pronouns in the Semitic languages, though this pertains rather to the subject of comparative syntax than to our present topic.

In some cases, as you are aware, the reflex idea is conveyed by means of a peculiar form of the verb, for instance in Hebrew the Niph'al or Hithpa"el.

In other cases, the ordinary pronouns of the 3rd person have to do duty for the reflex pronouns as well; e.g. וַיִּקַּח אֶת-שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אִתּוֹ, where we also say "he took two of his young men with *him*," whilst the German more accurately expresses it by "und er nahm zween (zwei) seiner Knechte mit

sich." I may remark, however, in passing, that even in German, so late as Luther's time, *ihm*, *ihr*, and *ihnen*, could be employed for *sich*, just as *sein* and *ihr* serve at the present day both for *suus* and *eius* or *eorum*.

In other cases still, where it was positively necessary to make a distinction, recourse was had to a compound pronoun, such as $\eta\rho\iota\iota$, $\iota\eta\iota$, $\sigma\iota\iota$; or—and this is the point to which I more particularly wish to direct your attention just now,—a substantive, most frequently one expressing some part of the human frame, was employed with the appropriate pronominal suffix, e.g. $\psi\psi\iota$ "my soul," for "myself."

In Arabic the words frequently used for this purpose are نفس "soul," plur. انفس , and عين "eye, essence," plur. اعيان ; but in the later stages of the language we also find روح "spirit," حال "state," and ذات "essence"; e.g. تجي بروحك "thou wilt come thyself" (or "in person"), قتل حاله "he has killed himself," راح هو بذاته "he is gone himself" (or "in person").

In Ethiopic $\Lambda\Lambda$ is employed for the nominative in the forms $\Lambda\Lambda\rho$: *lālī-ya* or $\Lambda\Lambda\rho$: *lālī-ya*, $\Lambda\Lambda\eta$: *lālī-ka*, $\Lambda\Lambda\iota$: *lālī-kū*, etc. This $\Lambda\Lambda$: Dillmann maintains to be nothing more than a reduplication of the demonstrative syllable *la*, which we have already found in so many pronominal forms. Praetorius has suggested another derivation, viz. from the verb $\Lambda\Lambda\rho$: "to separate," whence the Amharic $\Lambda\Lambda$: "another"; and for this no doubt analogies might be produced from other languages; but for the present I prefer to abide by Dillmann's view as the simpler. For other cases than the nominative the Ethiopic employs the word ረእስ : "head," as ፬፮፡ ፳፻፲፡ ረእስ። "whom dost thou make thyself (to be)?" ሳሰ፡ ረእስከ። "against yourselves." ኛሩ፡ is of comparatively rare occurrence in this sense, as ፬፮፡ ኛሩ፡ ለዋት፡ "he gave himself up to death." In the vulgar dialects, Tigrīña and Amharic, there seems to be a still greater variety of expression. In Tigrīña we find ሳሰ፡

or ብዓል: "lord, master," as ባዕለይ: ርእሱ: "I myself have seen," እኔህ: እኔ: ብዓለይ: ለይ: "behold, it is I myself." More rare is the use of ብዓልቤት: "master of the house," e.g. ጦድሪጣ: ብዓልቤታ: ተፈሪ: "for the earth brings forth fruit (of) itself." These two are generally used for the nominative, whilst for the other cases is commonly employed ርእሷ: "head"; less frequently ንፍሷ: "soul," and ለሠኑ: "flesh," "body." From ንፍሷ: are formed, as I said before, the personal pronouns ንሽከ: *nessē-khā*, "thou," and ንሱ: *nessū* "he," as well as the reduplicated ንሽከከ: "one another," as ተባህሉ: ንሽከከ: "they spoke to one another," or "among themselves." The word ብሽኩ: *solitudo*, is also used in the sense of *self*, apparently for any case; and similarly ሰብኝት: "humanity"; though these two may perhaps be restricted to the third person. In Amharic nearly the same words occur in their appropriate dialectic forms, viz. ባለቤት: ራከ: ንፍከ: and ሰወኝት: From ራከ: has been derived the pronoun of the 3rd person, እርሱ: farther contracted into እሱ: *ēssū*.

In Assyrian the common reflexive is *rāman*, which seems to stand for *rahman*, just as *ruk* for *rahuk*, רֹחַק. It is therefore equivalent to the Heb. רָחֵק, or rather רִמֵּי, τὰ σπλάγχνα, and forms with suffixes *rāmanīya*, *rāmanika*, *ramanīšu*, etc. One might have imagined this, after the analogy of the Hebrew, to be a plural in *ān*, against which the form *ramanīšu*, with double *n*, would perhaps not have militated; but the form *ramnīšu* seems to show that the vowel of the second syllable, even though accented, was short, and might in some cases be elided.

In Biblical Hebrew the most usual word as a reflexive is שֶׁנֶּפֶשׁ, though פָּנִים, "face, presence," is also employed, e.g. Exod. xxxiii. 14. וְלִנְפֹשׁ, 2 Sam. xvii. 11. וְעַצְמוֹ, "bone," is used in the Bible in speaking of things only, as וְעַצְמוֹ הַשֶּׁמֶץ, וְעַצְמוֹ הַחַיִּים; but in later Hebrew it is applied to persons, לְעַצְמִי "for myself"; as are also גִּבְרָה "bone" and גִּבּוֹן "body," with which last you may compare the old German phrases *mīn līp*, *dīn līp*, for *ich* and *du*.

Among the Aramaic dialects there is some variety of usage.

In the Targūms נשׂא is common; in later writings נרם, which we also find in Samaritan and in the Palestinian dialect of Syriac. In Syriac נשׂא and נשׂא are the dominant words, נשׂא being very rare. In Mandaitic נשׂא is used; whilst נשׂא is found in Samaritan, in the forms קנוד and קלוד, and may possibly also occur in Phoenician¹. I regret my inability as yet to give any satisfactory etymology of this word. Modern Syriac still makes use of נשׂא *nōshā*, but far more frequently employs the word נשׂא, which is merely the Persian جان *jān*, "soul"; as נשׂא נשׂא נשׂא "who was making my way bitter to me," נשׂא נשׂא "to shake himself."

¹ [Viz., in the inscription of Eshmūn'āzār, *C.I.S.*, No. 3, l. 4, 20. Cf. G. Hoffmann, *Ueber einige Phoen. Inschr.* (4^o Gött. 1889) p. 37.]

CHAPTER VII.

THE NOUN.

FROM the pronoun we naturally proceed to the *Noun*, in treating of which it will be most convenient for our present practical purpose to speak first of the distinction of gender, and then of the distinctions of number and case. With respect to gender and number, it may be desirable to consider the verbal forms to a slight extent along with the nominal, because there is in the Semitic languages a close resemblance in the flexion of the noun and verb, for which we look in vain in the Indo-European languages.

I. *Gender.*

The vivid imagination of the Semite conceived all objects, even those that are apparently lifeless, as endowed with life and personality. Hence for him there are but *two genders*, as there exist in nature but two sexes. All that we are accustomed to look upon as indifferent and neuter, was of necessity classed by him as either masculine or feminine, though the latter predominated, as we may see from the formation of abstract nouns, from the employment of the fem. as the impersonal form of the verb, and from other phenomena in Semitic speech. The Mandaite only pushes this use to its utmost limit, when he construes as fem. such words and expressions as מִינְדָאם "something," כּוּלָּךְ "all that," and מַאָּךְ or מַאָּךְ "what," "whatever." Even the word מֶלֶךְ, מֶלֶךְ, מֶלֶךְ, the nearest approach in the Semitic languages to a neuter, is only, as I tried to show you in

a former lecture, a corruption of *mant*, which is actually the fem. of ^لمَن, מֵן, מִי.

There are, of course, a great many cases in which the Semitic languages, as well as others, do not mark the difference of gender by any difference of termination, both in respect of living and of inanimate objects. אִם "mother," רֵחַל "ewe," עֵין "eye," עִיר "city," are not designated as fem. by any external mark. But in the greater number of cases it was found convenient, if not absolutely necessary, to indicate the fem. gender by an external sign; and for this purpose the letter *t* was commonly employed as an affix.

In this simple form of affixed *t* the fem. termination is rare in Arabic, as بִּת "daughter," أُخْت "sister"; but common in Ethiopic, especially in adjectives and participles, as ለሂቅ: *lēhik*, "old," ለህቅት: *lēhēkt*; ፋቂር: *fēkūr*, "beloved," ፋቅርት: *fēkērt*; ጸደቅ: *ṣādēk*, "just," ጸደቅት: *ṣādēkt*; መስተመስር: *mastāmḥēr*, "asking mercy," መስተመስርት: *mastāmḥērt*. We find it, however, in substantives too, as ንጉሠ: *nǧūs*, "king," ንግሠት: *nǧēst*, "queen"; ለሰት: *anēst*, "woman"; ወለት: *waldēt*, "daughter," for ወለት:: In Hebrew the simple *t* is found in some cases where the masc. ends in a single consonant, as יִלְדָּת "bearing," Gen. xvi. 11, Judges xiii. 5, 7; לֵת "to bear," for לְדָת, 1 Sam. iv. 19; אֶחָת "one," for אֶחָדָת; but more commonly a short supplementary vowel is inserted between the last two letters, resulting in the vocalisation \overline{v} , or, if there be a guttural at the end of the word, $\overline{=}$, and the like; thus, חֲתָמָת, לְדָת, יוֹלְדָת, חֲתָמָת for חֲתָמָת, מְשַׁעֲנָת for מְשַׁעֲנָת, מוֹדַעַת for מוֹדַעַת, נַחֲשָׁת for נַחֲשָׁת or נַחֲשָׁת, מַאֲכָלָת for מַאֲכָלָת or מַאֲכָלָת.

Instead of the simple *t*, however, we more usually find *at*, with a connective short *a*. This is by far the most common form in Arabic, as ^امَرَأَة "man," ^امَرَأَة "woman"; ^اجَد "grandfather,"

جَدَّة "grandmother"; عَظِيمٌ "great," قَاتِلٌ "killing," قَاتِلَةٌ.

In Ethiopic it is less frequent than *t*, though by no means uncommon; e.g. ረደት: "descent," ሰጦት: "garlic" (ሰጦ, ሰጦት),

ነቀት: "she-camel" (ነቀ, ነቀት), በረከት: *bardkat* "blessing"

(መገናኛ, መገናኛት), ስጦት: "sin" (ስጦ, ስጦት), ጸጸት: "tent" (ጸጸ, ጸጸት),

ጸጸት. In Hebrew this termination is rare in the simple form of nouns; as examples take בִּרְקִית (a precious stone),

מְחִילָה, נְשִׂמָה, צִרְפָּה, דְּבִרָה, אֵילָה, נִבְעָה

also with *kāmes*, דִּקְאָה "the pelican," נִעְלָה (a place), פֶּרֶת (Gen.

xlix. 22), חֲפָאָה "sin," מִנָּה for *manayat*, "portion"; also אַחֻלָּה,

חֲמֻלָּה, for *aḥawat*, *ḥamawat*. But we find it everywhere in the

so-called construct state, and also before the pronominal suffixes, as נִחְלָהִי, נִחְלָהֶּ.

Now observe the history of these forms, from which you will perceive the absurdity of saying that the fem. termination in Hebrew is הָ, and that it becomes תָּ in the construct state.

The reverse is the fact. The original form is the תָּ of the construct, and it becomes הָ. The Ethiopic presents us with the

original form *t* or *at*. The Hebrew retained this termination in the construct state, before pronominal suffixes, and in a few other

cases. But in the simple form of the noun the aspirated תָּ passed into aspirated הָ, and finally, when this *h* was dropped,

nothing remained but the vowel, which was heightened in the open syllable into *d*, הָ, as נִחְלָהִי. So also in Arabic; the

original *t* is retained in نَت, أخت, and in the Kōr'ān in a few

other words, e.g. Sūra xi. 76, رَحِمَتْ آلَهُ; as also before suffixes,

رَحِمَتِي, رَحِمَتَهُ. The next step was to the aspirated *h*, which

¹ Cf. what has been said above, p. 124, of the pronoun מֶ, מָה, מַה.

form is used by the Arabic poets in rhyme, as, for example, when الْعَذْلَةُ (for الْعَذْلَةُ) is rhymed with اِبْلَهُ (for اِبْلَهُ) and with وُلَّهُ (for وُلَّهُ); or السَّلَامَةُ (for السَّلَامَةُ) with اِمَامَهُ (for اِمَامَهُ). The last step is to drop the *h*, as is done in the vulgar pronunciation, الرَّحْمَهُ, السَّلَامَهُ, الْعَذْلَهُ. The spelling with the dotted *z* is merely a compromise of the grammarians between the old ت and the vulgar ه; if I write سَنَہ, I indicate at once the old pronunciation سَنَت, سَنِت, and the more recent سَنَه, سَنِہ. If you ask for analogies in other languages for such changes as this of *at* into *ath*, then into *ah*, and finally into *d*, *ah*, I can give you several. The final aspirated *d* of the Spaniard, for example in the word *ciudad*, has a very faint sound to an English ear, and the consonant has altogether vanished in the corresponding Italian *città* for *civitat* (i.e. *civitatelem*). So also in French, in the verb, *il aime*, from *ille amât* (for *amavit*), but interrogatively *aime-t-il?* from *amât ille?* Indeed aspirated letters, in all positions, are apt to disappear entirely or else to leave no trace behind them save the mere aspiration. Compare the Talmudic אֶהֱיָ for אֶהֱיָ, and the modern Syriac אֶהֱיָ for אֶהֱיָ; or, to go a little farther afield, consider the Armenian *hayr* and the Irish *athir*, both the regular equivalents in these languages of the Latin *pater*. In *hayr* an aspirated *p* remains as *h*, and an aspirated *t* has vanished (as in *pere*); in *athir* an aspirated *p* has vanished, whilst an aspirated *t* remains only in writing, for the word is actually pronounced *ahir*.

Having thus, by the help of Arabic, Ethiopic and Hebrew, established the fact that the principal fem. termination in these languages is *t* or *at*, let us trace this form in the remaining Semitic tongues.

In Assyrian we find such forms as *bint* "daughter," *ihit* "one" (for *ihidi*), and the like, with simple *t*; but the usual

shape of this affix is *at*, weakened into *it*, e. g. *šarrat* "princess," *malikat* "queen," *nākat* "she-camel," *šanat* "year," *āšibat* "inhabiting" (יֹשֶׁבֶת), *bilat* or *bilit* "mistress, lady," *riš'at* or *riš'it* "wickedness," *iršit* "earth."

In Phoenician the noun ends in ת, whether it be in the simple or the construct state, as in the usual dedication of the Carthaginian *ex voto* tablets לרבת לחנת, "to the goddess Tanith," or in the words from the sarcophagus of king Eshmunazar, וְאִמִּי אִמַּעֲשִׂיתָר פְּרִגְתָּ עֲשִׂיתָר רִבְתָּן הַמְלִכָּת, or again וְשִׁכְבִּי אֲנִי בְּחִלָּתִי. We find however traces of a younger form in א, corresponding to the Hebrew ת, very rarely in inscriptions, more frequently in the words handed down to us by classical authors; e. g. *kurōs*, Heb. קָדָה, "cassia" or "cinnamon"; *nesso*, Heb. נֶצֶה, "flower"; *Dido*, either for נִידָה, according to the explanation of the *Etymol. Magnum* *πλανήτις*, or for יִדִּיָּה; *Karxhedōn*, *Carthago*, corruption of קֶרֶת חֲרָשָׁה. In the Aramaic dialects the forms run exactly parallel to the Hebrew; e. g. in Syriac the construct state ends in *ath*; the *t* is retained in the emphatic form and before suffixes; but it disappears in the simple form of the noun, and is represented in writing by an *aleph*. Thus: אֲלֵה, אֲלֵה, אֲלֵה, אֲלֵה.

Here I may be allowed to remark that this original fem. in *t* has been retained in another instance in several of the Semitic languages, viz. as an adverb. Examples are: Hebrew, רַבַּת, Ps. lxx. 10, cxx. 6, cxxiii. 4; Aramaic, טָוֶת "fasting," Dan. vi. 19; Syriac, אֲלֵה, אֲלֵה; אֲלֵה "alive," אֲלֵה "well," אֲלֵה "naked," אֲלֵה "gratis, for nothing"; אֲלֵה "last," אֲלֵה or אֲלֵה "first," where *ith* is merely, as Noeldeke has remarked, a weakening of the older *yath*; אֲלֵה "carnally," אֲלֵה "spiritually," from אֲלֵה and אֲלֵה; אֲלֵה "like a wild

beast," from **בְּחֵמְלָא**; and hence, in Syriac and the Palestinian dialect, as an adverbial termination, even where an adjective in **־ָ**, **־ִ**, is not in use, as **בְּחֵמְלָא** "well," **בְּחֵמְלָא** "gently," **בְּחֵמְלָא** "truly." Such adverbs, being really feminine adjectives in the old form of the *status absolutus*, may be construed with a preposition, as **בְּחֵמְלָא** "in Greek," **בְּחֵמְלָא** "in Syriac"; and still more freely in Mandaitic, **בְּחֵמְלָא** "in haste," **בְּחֵמְלָא** "gently." Sometimes the abstract termination **־ָת** is used in the same way in both languages, as **לְחֵמְלָא** "a second time, again," **לְחֵמְלָא** "a third time"; in the dialect of Palestine, **בְּחֵמְלָא** "rightly, well"; in Mandaitic **בְּחֵמְלָא** "grandly"; and among the later Jews **בְּחֵמְלָא**, **בְּחֵמְלָא**.

I may next remark that this fem. in **־ָת** has in some cases received a curious increment in Mandaitic and the Talmudic dialect. Here namely we find some feminine adjectives ending in **־ָת**, Mand. **־ָתָא**, instead of **־ָתָא**. The correct pronunciation of this termination is held by Noeldeke to be most probably **־ָתָי**.

With the Hebrew **רַבְּתִי** in Lament. i. 1, **רַבְּתִי**, it can have nothing to do; that form is to be classed with **יֹנְבֵתִי**, **יֹנְבֵתִי**, etc., which I shall try to explain when we speak of the cases. Examples of this fem. in **־ָת** from the Talmud and Targūms are: **אֶצְבְּעִיהּ וּמַרְתִּי** "his little finger," **שְׁתָּא חֲדָתִי** "the new year," **מִלְּתָא אַחֲרִיתִי**, **אֹפְמִתִי**, **חֲזֹרָתִי**, **מִלְּתָא אַחֲרִיתִי**, **רַבְּתִי**. So in Mandaitic, **רַבְּתִי** "small," **רַבְּתִי** "new," **רַבְּתִי** "another," **רַבְּתִי** "white," **רַבְּתִי** "heavy," **רַבְּתִי** "ancient," **רַבְּתִי** "beautiful," etc.

I would now call your attention to the parallel form in the flexion of the verb, viz. the 3rd pers. sing. fem. of the perfect, in Hebrew **קָטְלָהּ**. Here too the original termination was **at**, as is proved not only by the Arabic **قَتَلَتْ** *katalat*, the Ethiopic

קַדְלָת: *katdlat*, and the Syriac ܟܕܠܬܗ *kəḏlath*, but also by the following evidence derived from Hebrew itself. (1) The form with final *t* is actually found in Deut. xxxii. 36, אָזַלְתָּ יָדְךָ (for אָזַלְתָּ), Ezek. xlvi. 17, וְשָׁבַחְתָּ; possibly too Isaiah xxiii. 15, וְנִשְׁבַּחְתָּ צִדְקָתְךָ (for וְנִשְׁבַּחְתָּ); as also in the whole class of verbs הִנָּלְתָּ so-called, e. g. עָשִׂיתָ for עָשִׂיתָ, הִרְצִיתָ for הִרְצִיתָ, הִנָּלְתָּ for הִנָּלְתָּ. This is exactly the Arabic جَلَّتْ, by contraction for جَلَّتْ; and the uncontracted جَلَّتْ is actually found once in Hebrew in the pausal חֲסִיָּה נִפְשִׁי, Ps. lvii. 2, whereas the ordinary pausal form is עֲשִׂיתָ. The ordinary non-pausal form עָשִׂיתָ, גָּלַתָּ, etc., is a secondary formation, in which the fem. suffix is repeated in the form הָ, thus aiming at uniformity with the ordinary קָטַלְתָּ. (2) The form with final *t* invariably occurs in connexion with pronominal suffixes; e. g. יִלְדֹתֵי; גְּמֻלָתָהּ, or with assimilation יִלְדֹתֶיךָ, אֲחֻזָּתָהּ; בָּאֲחֻזָּתִי, יִלְדֹתֶיךָ, גְּנֻבָתָם, אֲכֻלָּתָם; אֲהַבְתֶּךָ, רָאִיתֶךָ. Into this subject I shall have to enter more fully in treating of the verb; here it must suffice to have thus indicated the identity of the fem. termination in the singular noun and in the 3rd pers. sing. of the perfect tense.

The feminine termination הָ is occasionally written in Hebrew with א in place of ה, according to the usual practice in Aramaic; e. g. חָנָא Isaiah xix. 17, קָרְחָא Ezek. xxvii. 31, שָׁנָא Ps. cxxvii. 2, מִפְרָא Lament. iii. 12; and even in the verb, נִבְרָא Ezek. xxxi. 5. We also find the vowel of this syllable weakened, though very rarely, into ו, as in the noun הַוּוּרָה for הַוּוּרָה, Isaiah lix. 5, and in the verb לָנָה for לָנָה, Zechar. v. 4.

Besides the feminine termination in ت - or -ة, the Arabic

language possesses two others, viz. آء \bar{a} and أء $\bar{a}u$, both, as it would seem, originally of abstract signification. Examples of the former are بشري "good news," حمي "a fever," دعوي "a claim," رويا "a vision"; of the latter, صحراء or بيداء "a desert," كبرياء "glory, pride." The one, viz. آء \bar{a} , forms the feminine of adjectives ending in آن , as شبعان "sated, not hungry," f. شبعي ; and of the form أفعل used as a superlative, e.g. الأصغر "the smallest," f. الصغرى . The other, أء $\bar{a}u$, forms the feminine of أفعل , when it is not a comparative or superlative, as أحمر "red," أحمراء ; أحمق "foolish," أحمقاء . These terminations seem to find their representatives in Ethiopic in nouns ending in \bar{a} , as ሕንዳ : "building," ፍላጎት : "joy," ጦሐላ : "oath," ዐጃዳ : "wrong," ጦሕፊ : "temptation," ዳግ : or ዳግፍ : "toil," ደታ : "order, row"; and in \bar{e} , as ሠርፑ : "beam, mast," ሰርፑ : "army," ዳዳ : "moth," ጊዚ : "time," ዕድጺ : "appointed time." The rules of gender are, however, very loosely observed in Ethiopic, and most of the words just cited may also be construed as masculine.

The Arabic termination آء \bar{a} is represented in Syriac by the form ai , as in ܐܝܬܐ , ܐܝܬܐܝܬܐ , ܐܝܬܐܝܬܐܝܬܐ , and a few more. In Hebrew this termination can hardly be said to exist, unless we reckon as examples of it the proper name שׂרַי , of which the later form is שׂרָה , and the numeral עשרה , in the compounds אַחַת עשרה , etc., which may stand for an original עשרי . Of the other ending أء $\bar{a}u$ I can find at present no certain trace in Aramaic and Hebrew, for Hebrew words in ו or ה —, mostly proper names, seem, without exception, to have lost a final u , וֹן —, גִּלְדָּה and שִׁילְדָּה , for example, form the adjectives גִּלְדָּנִי and שִׁילְדָּנִי . Since, however, in Arabic, we find

صَنَاعِي derived from الصَّنَاعَة, بَهْرَانِي from the name of the tribe بَهْرَانِي, رَوَّحَانِي from رَوَّحَاء, it may be that גִּלְדָּה and שִׁילְדָּה, as well as the Moabite קָרְחָה, represent an original *Gaild'u*, *Shaild'u*, and *Karhd'u*.

Finally, I may say a few words regarding a curious feminine form in Ethiopic, which consists entirely in an internal change of vowels. This is found in adjectives of the form *katfl*, which take in the feminine *katāl*; e.g. ሐደክ: "new," ሐደክ:; ጠቢብ: "learned, wise," ጠቢብ:; ሀቢይ: "great," ሀቢይ:; ረሒብ: (for *rahīb*) "wide, spacious," ረሒብ:; ቀይሽ: (for *kayīḥ*) "red," ቀይሽ: Of this formation Ewald has discovered a trace in Arabic in حَصَانٌ "chaste," applied to a woman, as compared with حَصِينٌ "inaccessible, unapproachable"; and in رَزَانٌ "grave, staid," also used of a woman, whereas the masculine is رَزِينٌ.

II. Numbers and Cases.

In treating of the *Numbers* and *Cases* of nouns in the Semitic languages I shall begin with the latter, for reasons which will become apparent as we proceed.

Of what we are accustomed to call *cases*—those varieties of termination which express the relations to one another of a noun and verb or of two nouns—the Semitic languages possess but three: the *casus rectus*, nominative or subject, and two *casus obliqui*, the one indicating the accusative or direct object, and also serving in a variety of ways as a *casus adverbialis*, the other corresponding most closely to the Indo-European genitive.

In the *singular* number these three cases are distinguished in ancient Arabic, in the great majority of nouns, by three terminations, *n* for the subject or nominative, *ʔ* for the object or accusative, and *i* for the genitive, as we may appropriately

designate the second oblique form. In certain classes of nouns, however, the accusative has at an early period supplanted the genitive, so that these have only two terminations, *ā* for the nominative, and *ā* for the accusative and genitive. Examples of the triptote declension :—

بَيْتَ	بَيْتِ	بَيْتٍ
جَنَّةَ	جَنَّةِ	جَنَّةٍ

The usage of the Arabic restricts these simple terminations to the definite and construct states of the noun. The noun must be defined by the article,

الْبَيْتَ	الْبَيْتِ	الْبَيْتِ
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or it must be followed by a genitive, which is also a species of definition,

بَيْتَ يَوْسُفَ	بَيْتِ يَوْسُفَ	بَيْتِ يَوْسُفَ
بَيْتَهُ	بَيْتَهُ	بَيْتَهُ

In no other Semitic language has this inflexion been retained in such fullness and purity as in the ancient Arabic, the Arabic of the prae-Mohammedan poets and of the *Kor'ān*. In the modern language, as spoken at the present day, the case-terminations are either confounded with one another or entirely lost. In the Sinaitic peninsula, for example, one hears '*ammuk*, عَمَّكُ, which is really the nominative, used for all three cases.

In Ethiopic we can distinguish only one of these cases by an external mark; the accusative, with the termination *ā*. The vowel-endings of the nominative and genitive have disappeared; and the accusative *ā* takes the place of the others in the construct state, without any regard to the real case of the governing noun. E.g., ለፋቀረ: ብላሳተ: "he loved a woman," ነገሠ: ሊትዖላዖ: "the king of Ethiopia." In the case of proper names, the accusative termination is *y*: *hā*, to which

form I shall call your attention more particularly hereafter; e.g. $\Phi P \zeta \eta$: "Cain," $\text{JL} \cdot \text{JL} \eta$: "Judah."

In Assyrian, so far as I can understand the statements of the grammarians, these terminations are, as a general rule, appended to the noun when it is not in the construct state, but apparently without any regard to the actual relation of case. Thus, according to Schrader, the Assyrian writes *ina lisān māt Aḥarri*, "in the language of the country of Phoenicia," without any case-sign in *lisān* and *māt*; *šar Babilu*, "king of Babel"; *malku bānušun*, "the king their builder"; *āšib libbišun*, "dwelling in their midst"; *'iribu ša šanši* or *'irib šanši*, "the setting of the sun"; *Dariyavus šarri*, "Darius the king." Here, therefore, the state of matters seems to be much the same as in modern Arabic; the case-endings, when employed, are used without any strict regard to their proper signification.

In Hebrew traces of all three terminations may be found. The accusative indeed is not uncommon, particularly in its adverbial sense, indicating direction or motion towards. E.g., הָאָרֶץ "to the ground," בֵּיתָהּ "homewards," "inwards," הַבֵּיתָהּ "into the house," הַעֵינָהּ "to the well," הָרָהּ "uphill," הַהָרָהּ "to the mountains," שֶׁכֶּמָּה "to Shechem," לְשַׁכְּתָהּ "into a chamber," הַבִּמְתָּהּ "to the highplace," גִּשֵּׁן אֶרֶץ גִּשֵּׁן , בְּאֶרֶץ שֶׁבַע , אֶרֶץ גִּשֵּׁן . As real objective accusatives I may cite $\text{יָמָה פָּנָף, בֵּיתָהּ יוֹסֵף}$. $\text{הִקֵּל אֶרֶץ זָבֻלֹן וְאֶרֶץ נַפְתָּלִי}$ "he abased, etc." Isaiah viii. 23; $\text{מִי פָקַד עָלָיו אֶרֶץ}$ "who hath committed to his charge the earth?" Job xxxiv. 13. Here you may remark that the vowel *a* is expressed in writing by the letter ה. This does not, however, justify us in speaking of a "ה locale," as if the ה were anything more than the mere indication of the final vowel.

The terminations of the nominative and genitive are far rarer, and seem indeed to be used now and then only as archaistic forms, just as our poets occasionally indulge in such archaisms as *yode*, *whilom*, *yclept*, *ywis*, and the like. We need not therefore expect them to be employed with more regard to

grammatical accuracy than in Assyrian or in modern Arabic. The nominative termination is **י**, in such phrases as **חִיְתוֹ-אֶרֶץ** Gen. i. 24, **בְּלִחְתוֹ-יָעַר** Ps. l. 10, **לְחִיְתוֹ-אֶרֶץ** Ps. lxxix. 2, **בְּנוֹ צֶפֶר** "O son of Šippôr," Num. xxiii. 18, **נָאֻם בְּלָעַם בְּנוֹ בָּעַר** Num. xxiv. 3, 15, **לְמַעֲנוֹ-מִים** Ps. cxiv. 8. The purer form **י** I can discover only in a few compound nouns, e.g., **אֲחוּמִי**, **פְּנוּאֵל**, **מְחֻשָּׁאֵל**, and **מְחֻשָּׁלַח**. The genitive termination is **י**, as in **מְלֵאֲחִי** Ps. cx. 4, **רִבְתִּי עִם** Lament. i. 1, **עַל־דְּבָרְתִי מְלִכִּי-צֶדֶק** Isaiah i. 21, **בְּנִי אֲחֵנוּ** (acc.) Gen. xlix. 11. It appears also in many compound proper names, as **מְלִכִּי-צֶדֶק**, **גְּבַרְיָאֵל**, **עֲזַרְיָאֵל**, **חַנְיָאֵל**.

All these three forms, no doubt, existed likewise in the Phœnician language, though the defective orthography of the monuments does not enable us to recognise them. In the inscription of Eshmûn'azar, for example [*C. I. S.*, No. 3, l. 11, 12], the words **לְמַטָּה** and **לְמַעַל** are no doubt to be pronounced **לְמַטָּה** and **לְמַעַלָּה**, just as in Hebrew. In other cases the classical writers come to our aid. *Hannibal*, for instance, is **חַנְיָבַעַל** (genit.), but *Asdrubal* is **עֲזַרְבָּעַל** (nomin.).

In Syriac we look in vain for any trace of these case-endings, save in two or three nouns regarding which I may be allowed to say a few words. I mean the words **אָב** "father," **אָבִי** "brother," and **אָבִי** "father-in-law"; in Arabic, **أَب**, **أَخ**, **أَخ**; in Hebrew, **אָב**, **אָח**, **חָם**. These have all lost their third radical, which was a *w*, and which reappears in Arabic in the construct state thus:—

N.	أَبُو	for	أَبُو
G.	أَبِي	for	أَبُو
A.	أَبَا	for	أَبُو

Of these three forms the Ethiopic has preserved before pronominal suffixes the nom. λfi :, as $\lambda\text{fi-n}$:" thy father," and the accus. λfi :, as $\lambda\text{fi-n}$:" thy father," though $\lambda\text{fi-n}$ is also used for the accusative. The Hebrew has chosen the genitive for all its three cases, אָבִי "father of —," אֶבְרָהָם ; whereas the Syriac has

preferred the nom., أَبِي , and similarly أَبْنِي and بَنِي .

Let us now return once more to the Arabic, and examine its three flexional forms, h , ʔ , d . What may the origin of these be? With regard to the accusative the answer seems to be tolerably certain. It is a pronominal element, of a demonstrative nature, appended to the object noun to indicate the direction of the action of the governing verb. It is in fact nothing but the demonstrative hd , with which we are already acquainted in all the Semitic languages. In Ethiopic the full form h is employed, as I already mentioned, to form the accusative of proper names. ḥpʔh etc. The gradual weakening of the h gives us such adverbial forms as ḥḥ : af'd , or ḥḥ : af'a , "out, outside" (*foras, foris*), ḥḥ : "at all, ever"; but ordinarily the particle is shortened to the utmost, and appears as final d . The Hebrew d preserves somewhat of the original lengthening of the vowel, for a primitive short d would certainly have disappeared *in toto*.

The origin of the nominative h is more obscure; but we may possibly venture to see in it the pronominal element hd , as designating the subject. Finally, the genitive ʔ , ʔ , may perhaps be connected with the termination of the so-called

relative adjectives in ʔ (Arabic أَيْ , vulgarly يَ), the origin of which is, however, not yet clear to me.

I said at the commencement of this discussion that the use of the singular terminations h , ʔ , d in Arabic was restricted to the defined noun, whether the definition was by the article or by a following genitive. I now remark that the undefined noun is inflected with the same terminations *plus* the sound of n , viz. hn , ʔn , dn . E. g.

بَيْتٌ	بَيْتٌ	بَيْتًا
جَنَّةٌ	جَنَّةٌ	جَنَّةً

In the accus. form ^{עֵ}בֵּיתָ the letter 'alif may perhaps serve to mark the pausal pronunciation, *baith*, or it may be a mere indication of the *a*-sound, to distinguish this case more clearly in writing from the other two. This addition of the *n*-sound in Arabic is technically called the *tanwīn* or "nutation," from the name of the letter *nūn*.

If we look around us for a similar appearance in the other Semitic languages, we find its counterpart in the *ntimation* of the Assyrian, which is not, however, according to the grammarians, restricted to the undefined noun, but also irregularly used with that which is defined. The forms are usually written *uv*, *iv*, *av*, but as *v* and *m* are not distinguished in writing, we are justified by analogy in pronouncing them *um*, *im*, *am*.

The same *ntimation* is found in the Himyaritic inscriptions of South Arabia in the form **ם** for all three cases, its use nearly corresponding with that of the Arabic *ntination*; e.g., שִׁמְשֵׁם; עֵבְלָם, קִלְבָּם, דִּלְבָּם; שָׁנִי שְׁנָאם, אֲנִי אֲדָנָם, שְׁמָם; עֵבְדִּי שְׁמָם, but עֵבְדִּי שְׁמָם.

In Hebrew the *ntimation* seems to me to present itself in such words as אֱמָנָם or אֱמָנָם, חֲנָם, רִיקָם, which I consider as the accusatives of אֱמָן, חָן and רִיק. יוֹמָם is doubtful, as it may be connected with יוֹמָם rather than with יוֹם. In Ethiopic we may perhaps find a trace of it in the word ሰጠሞ, Heb. אֶתְמֹל, חֲמֹל.

Now what is the origin of these terminations *un*, *in*, *an*, and *um*, *im*, *am*? And are they identical, or different? These questions are hard to answer; but I incline on the whole to consider them as identical, and to derive them both from an appended, indefinite מָה, מַ. That *n* and *m* readily interchange is known to us; and it is quite conceivable that some of the Semitic languages may have substituted *n* for original *m* in certain grammatical forms, whilst others carried out the change through the whole of them. That the word מָה, מַ might have been used at

an early period in the way suggested, can only be inferred from the recurrence of the phenomenon at a later period. History is apt to repeat itself, especially linguistic history. Now we find this use of *مَا* as an indefinite affix in Arabic in the so-called *مَا الْإِهَامِيَّةُ*, i.e. *مَا* appended to an indefinite noun with a vague, often intensifying, force; e.g., *أَعْطَانَا كِتَابًا مَا* "give us some book (or other)"; *قَلِيلٌ مَا* "some (small) quantity"; *جِئْتَ لِمَرٍ مَا* "thou art come for some matter (of importance)." Similar is the origin of the Aramaic word *מִיָּדִי, מִיָּדָא, מִיָּדָא, מִיָּדָא*, a contraction of *מִיָּדָא מַה* "scibile quid." For the rest, how readily *مَا* may be shortened into *ma* and *m* appears from such Arabic forms as *كَمْ* "how much?" *عَلَيَّ مَ*, *حَتَّى مَ*, *لَمْ*, *بِمَ*, shortened into *لَمْ*, *بِمَ*.

We have thus far established the following scheme of inflexion by cases in the Semitic languages for the *singular* number.

	Arabic	Assyr., Hîmyar., Hebrew
N.	<i>u, un</i>	<i>u, um</i>
G.	<i>i, in</i>	<i>i, im</i>
Acc.	<i>a, an</i>	<i>a, am</i>

Let us next examine the formation of the *plural*.

To express the idea of plurality in the inflexion of the noun the Semitic languages had recourse to the simple expedient of lengthening the vowel-ending of the singular. The lengthening of the sound, the dwelling upon the utterance, sufficed to convey the idea of indefinite number. Consequently in Arabic the undefined plural of masculine nouns must originally have been—

N. *ân*, G. *în*, Acc. *ân*.

But as the Arabs seem to have objected to terminate a long syllable with a consonant (save in pause), a short final vowel was added, giving the forms—

N. *âna*, G. *îna*, Acc. *âna*.

These forms were also employed in the plural when defined by the article; but in the construct state, as we should naturally expect, the final vowels of the singular were merely lengthened—

N. *ā*, G. *ī*, Acc. *ā*.

In the actual language, however, as known to us from the old poets and the *Ḳor'ān*, the accusative *ā*, *āna*, has become obsolete, so that we have in real use only two cases—

N. *ā*, *āna*; G. Acc. *ī*, *īna*.

The vulgar dialects of the present day have gone yet one step farther, and have discarded the nominative from ordinary use, retaining only the form *īn*. In Ethiopic, on the contrary, the accusative *ān* has supplanted the other cases, and forms the ordinary plural of adjectives and participles; as *ሕያው*: "alive," "living," *ሕያዋን*:: *ሐዲስ*: "new," *ሐዲሳን*:: *ከሠተ*: "revealed," "manifest," *ከሠተን*:: Forgetful however of the real origin of this form, the language forms for itself an accusative and a construct state by appending to it the vowel *ā*, as in the singular; and the real construct plural in *ā* is found only in the numerals for 20, 30, etc., which are *ዕሠረ*: *ሠላሳ*: *እርብዓ*: *ኀሙሳ*: etc. In all this the Assyrian runs curiously parallel to the Ethiopic. According to Schrader, the plural in *ān* appears in the forms *ānu*, *āni*, *āna*, with an appended vowel (obviously borrowed from the singular); as *šalmānu*, "statues" (*שַׁלְמָנִי*); *hursāni*, "woods" (*חֻרְשָׁנִי*); *šārāni*, "walls" (*שָׂרְאִי*); *šarrāni*, "princes" (*שָׂרִי*); whilst the numerals, 20, 30, etc., are *īšrā*, *šilašā*, *irbā*, *hanšā*.

The Aramaic dialects make use, not of the accusative, but of the other oblique form, the genitive, for their plural. Hence we find the forms *īn* in the Biblical Aramaic, *ēn* in Syriac, and in Mandaitic both *īn* and *ēn* (*ē*).

The same choice was made by the Hebrews and Phoenicians. They discarded both the nom. *ām* and the accus. *ām*, retaining only the gen. *īm* in ordinary use¹. In later stages of the language the *m* was dropped, a form of which there are two or three doubtful examples in the Bible; but curiously enough

¹ But the Moabites took the form *īn*, e.g., *הַמֶּלֶךְ שָׁחַ אֶרְבַּע שָׁחַ*. נָבִין חִמְתָּ חִשְׁרָן, etc.

this form in *t* is said to be not uncommon in Assyrian, as in *ilt*, "gods"; *malkt* or *malikt*, "kings"; *amt*, "days"; *pagrt*, "dead bodies"; with suffixes *karhḥṣu* "its towers"; *ašri-šunu*, "their places." The full form in *tm* is rare and archaistic, as in the proper names *Ašur-riš-iltm*, *Sumtrtm* and *Akkadtm*. Haupt finds traces of the form *ām*, representing the old accusative, in the Assyrian *šamāmu*, *šamāmi*, "heaven," *māmi*, "water," and the adverbial *akḥāmīš*, "with one another, mutually (*lit.* like brothers)." It seems probable, as he suggests, that the plural *ān* is only a later form of this *ām*. And indeed he goes so far as to deny the existence of the termination *i*, which he pronounces *z*, and considers to be only a deflection of *ā*, from *ān*, *ām*.

You must not suppose that there is anything singular in this apparently capricious choice of a single case-ending to take the place of all its fellows, in the later stages of a language. It is precisely what has happened elsewhere than on Semitic ground. I need hardly remind you that Greek nouns appear in Syriac mostly in the *accusative*, simply because that was the one form with which the Syrians were familiar in the mouths of the Greeks; e.g. ܠܡܢܬܐ (*lampáda*), ܟܥܪܝܕܐ (*kerkída*), ܐܡܪܝܢܐ (*amríana*), ܐܪܚܐܝܬܐ (*arḥás*), etc. The Latin *accusative* too has supplied the ordinary nominal forms of the different Romance languages. In modern Persian the plural ان *ān* is regarded by the best authorities as derived from an ancient *genitive* in *ām* (*āim*).

Turning to the plural of *feminine* nouns, we find the same principle in force, only applied in a different way. The weight of utterance was thrown in this case not upon the case-endings, but upon the feminine termination *āt*, which accordingly became *āt*, and took the case-endings as the singular.

Sing.	N. <i>atu</i> , <i>atun</i>	Plur.	<i>ātu</i> , <i>ātun</i>
	G. <i>ati</i> , <i>atin</i>		<i>āti</i> , <i>ātin</i>
	Ac. <i>ata</i> , <i>atan</i>		<i>āta</i> , <i>ātan</i> .

In Arabic these forms are all in common use, except the accusative plural, which has disappeared even in the oldest stages of the language. The Ethiopic has *āt*, with its accusative and construct *āta*. In Aramaic we find, as we should naturally

expect, the termination ḥ_r , Δ_e , ḏth , ḏth ; in Hebrew, with the usual vowel-change, ḥ_r , which sinks in the later Phoenician into ḏth , as in Plautus's *yth alonim valonuth*. In Assyrian *ḏtu*, *ḏti*, *ḏta*, are common; but there is also (if the grammarians may be trusted) a termination ḏt , corresponding perhaps to the Hebrew and Phoenician ḏth , ḏth ; and a third form in *tt* (or as Haupt pronounces it *ēt*), restricted to such words as have already weakened *at* into *it* in the singular. E.g., *ina šandti dannḏti*, "in long (*lit.* strong) years"; *tabbanḏtu*, "buildings," from *tabbanu*; *'ibḏti*, "deeds," from *'ibḏit* (עבשית), according to Haupt *ēpḥḏti*; *iḥḏti* (*ēḥḏti*) "temples."

Of the so-called *broken plurals* of the Arabic I cannot speak at any length in this place. You will find these various forms enumerated in any Arabic Grammar, and many of them occur likewise in Ḥimyaritic and Ethiopic. In the northern dialects examples are either wanting or of rare occurrence. Böttcher has endeavoured to point out several in Hebrew; see his *Ausführliches Lehrbuch*, vol. i. p. 458-9. In Syriac we may perhaps refer to this class such words as ܠܬܝܢܐ from ܠܬܝܢܐ (Arabic قَرْيَة , plur. قَرَى), and ܡܢܬܝܢܐ from ܡܢܬܝܢܐ (Arabic حِمَار , plur. حُمَر). These so-called broken plurals are, however, in all probability without exception, singular abstract forms, which gradually came to be used in a concrete and collective sense, and hence pass for plurals. We are told, for example, that نَصْر is a plural of نَاصِر , "helper," or عَدْل of عَادِل , "just"; but in reality these are nothing but the infinitives of نَصَر and عَدَلَ , meaning "help," and "justice," and may be applied alike to one or more, man or woman; for we can say رَجُلٌ عَدْلٌ , أَمْرَأَةٌ عَدْلٌ , and قَوْمٌ عَدْلٌ . Another plural of قَاتَلَ , viz. قَتَالٌ , is an example of the same sort, being really an intensive infinitive, to be compared with the Syriac ܡܡܬܝܢܐ , ܡܡܬܝܢܐ , etc.

In addition to the singular and plural, the Semitic languages

employed from their earliest period a third form to designate a pair or two of any objects. The principle of formation of this *dual* would naturally resemble that of the plural; that is to say, the vowel of the singular would be lengthened in some way, so as to indicate the increase of number. But as the simple lengthening was appropriated to the plural, in the case of the dual recourse was had to the heightening of the singular terminations by the insertion of a short *ā*. Hence result the forms—

N. *ā + ān = aun*

G. *ā + ān = ain*

Ac. *ā + ān = ān.*

For the same reason as in the plural, the Arabs added here also a final vowel; but on account of the greater weight of the dual endings, or perhaps merely for the sake of variety, they selected in this case the weaker vowel *i*; whence the forms

N. *auni* G. *aini* Ac. *āni.*

These forms were used, like the corresponding plurals, when the noun was defined by the article; but in the construct state the syllable *ni* is of course absent, and we have merely the vowel-endings

N. *au* G. *ai* Ac. *ā.*

Of these terminations the nominative must have fallen into disuse at a very early period, and its place was usurped by the accus.; so that we actually meet in Arabic only the two forms

N. *ā, āni*
G. Ac. *ai, aini.*

In modern Arabic the first of these has now disappeared from ordinary use, leaving only the form *ain, ān*, for all the cases. In S. Arabian or Ḥimyaritic the termination is also *ā*, as *צלמן ואבֿלֿנהן* (acc.), *לִבִיתֿנהן* "and their two houses (castles)," *מאתן אסדֿם* "two hundred warriors" (nom.), *צמֿלֿנהן* "these two statues" (acc.). In Ethiopic scarcely a trace of the dual can be detected. In Assyrian Schrader gives as examples *idd*, "two hands"; *usud*, "two ears"; *šipa-ai* (for *šipā-ya*), "my feet"; *birka-ai*, "my knees"; *kata-ai*, "my hands." Here the final *n* seems to have been cast off, according to the analogy of the plural in *t* for *tm*.

The Aramaic form is אִין , with slight supplemental vowel, for אִין *ain*, corresponding to the ordinary Arabic oblique form أَيْنَ , أَيْنِ . This was contracted into אִן , as in מֵאתָן for מֵאִתָּן , "two hundred"; or into אִין , as in תַּרְיִין for תַּרְיִין , "two." In Syriac it survives in only two or three words, in the form *an*, viz. ܐܢܝܢ , f. ܐܢܝܢܐ , ܐܢܝܢܐ , and ܐܢܝܢܐ ; further weakened into *in*, in ܐܢܝܢܐ , ܐܢܝܢܐ , "Mesopotamia," ܐܢܝܢܐ (1 Kings xviii. 32), Heb. $\text{בְּבֵית סְאִתִּים זָרַע}$, and even $\text{אִתֵּי} = \text{אִתֵּי} = \text{אִתֵּי}$; just as in Latin the sole representatives of the dual are the words *ambo*, *duo*, and *octo*. The Hebrew form is אִים , for אִין *aim*, with *m* for *n*, as in the plural; e.g., יוֹמִים , שָׁנִים , מָאִים , אֱלֵפִים ; and often in proper names, as בֵּית דִּבְלָתִים , עֵין עֲגֻלִים , קִרְיָתִים , חֲפָרִים , הָעֵינִים . Rarer forms are the contracted אִן , as הָעֵינִים (Josh. xv. 34), קִרְיָתָם (Ezek. xxv. 9, *kethlbh*); and אִין in שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר , f. שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר . Further, אִין , contracted אִן ; e.g. דָּתָן , דָּתָן , and קָרָתָן (Josh. xxi. 32). On the Moabite stone both forms appear, אִן and אִין ; e.g. בֵּית דִּבְלָתָן , מֵאִתָּן , l. 15, but חֲוֹרָן .

And here I may intercalate the remark that the words מֵיִם and שָׁמַיִם are not duals, but plurals, from obsolete singulars מֵי and שָׁמַי . The original forms must have been *maytm* and *shamaytm*, which were contracted into *maym* and *shamaym*, just as in Arabic مَوْت , لَيْلٍ , خَبِير , gradually pass into مَوْت , لَيْلٍ , خَبِير . But since forms like *maym* and *shamaym* were intolerable to the ear of the later Hebrews, a short vowel was inserted to lighten the pronunciation, resulting

in the forms מִים and שְׁמִים, the latter of which was pronounced in Phoenician *shamēm*, as in Plautus's *gune balsamem*, i.e., נֶאֱמַר בְּעַל שְׁמִים.

I shall conclude this survey of the declension of the noun with a few remarks on some forms which we have not as yet noticed.

(1) The construct state of the dual and plural in Hebrew and Aramaic, viz., יָ, בָ.

In Arabic the forms of the dual in actual use are, as we have seen,

Simple, N. <i>āni</i> ,	Construct, <i>ā</i>
G. Ac. <i>aini</i>	<i>ai</i>

and of the plural,

Simple, N. <i>āna</i>	Construct, <i>ā</i>
G. Ac. <i>āna</i>	<i>ā</i>

In Assyrian in like manner the construct dual ended in *ā*, as *birka-ai* (for *birka-ya*), "my knees"; the plural in *ā* [or *ē*], as *šarrt-šunu*, "their kings." Consequently we should expect the Hebrew and Aramaic dual to have the construct form *ai*, *ē*, but the plural in both languages *ā*; יְדֵיָם, מְלָכֵם, from יָדִים, מְלָכִים; but from מְלָכִים, מְלָכֵם, we should look for מְלָכֵם, מְלָכֵם, which however do not exist. The actually existing forms are מְלָכֵם, מְלָכֵם; and these can, I think, be explained only on the supposition that the dual forms have supplanted those of the plural number. I find additional evidence for this notion in the forms מְלָכֵי, מְלָכֵי, "my kings," for *malakai-ya*, corresponding with יְדֵי, "my hands," for *yadai-ya*; and מְלָכֵי, מְלָכֵי, מְלָכֵי, "his kings," corresponding with יְדֵי, יְדֵי, standing for *malakai-lā*, *yadai-lā*, and *malakan-lā*, *yadan-lā*, in which latter I descry a vestige of the long obsolete nominative dual in *aun*, construct *au*.

(2) The form ܠܝܢܝܐ , ܠܝܢܝܐ , used as the simple plural of feminine nouns in Aramaic; e.g., ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , as contrasted with the construct ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , which correspond with the Arabic plural in *al* and the Hebrew in *oth*. This form in *an*, *on*, which also plays an important rôle in the verbal inflection, I regard as a variation of the masculine *an*, under the influence of the ordinary fem. *al*. The language felt the want of an additional feminine termination in the plural, and framed it from existing material after the analogy of an established form.

(3) The so-called *status emphaticus* of the Aramaic; ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ "the man," ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ ; ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ "the city," ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ . The essence of this form is the postposition of a demonstrative particle. The Swedes and Danes say *mand-en*, "the man," *hus-et*, "the house," where *en* and *et* are corruptions of *inn* or *hinn* and *itt* or *hitt*. And just so the Aramean added to his noun in its simplest form the demonstrative *hd*, gradually weakened into *d*. $\text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ} + \text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ}$ became ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ ; $\text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ} + \text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ}$. Other forms underwent greater alteration. $\text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ} + \text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ}$ was contracted into ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ (instead of ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ). ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , on the other hand, is another example of the transference of a dual form to the plural, since it arises by assimilation from $\text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ} + \text{ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ}$. In Syriac and Mandaitic the termination ܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ is shortened into ܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ (*el*), though the full form is retained in some cases; for example, in Syriac, in the plural of many words derived from radicals ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , and in a few other instances, such as ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , "thousands." This contraction naturally commenced with a weakening of the final syllable into *el*, as in ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ for ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ as interjection for ܠܝܢܝܐܢܝܐ , and the like.

Having thus treated briefly of the personal pronouns and of the noun, I must next speak of the pronouns as they appear when appended to nouns substantive in the form of genitive

suffixes. In doing so I shall confine myself chiefly to Arabic, Hebrew and Aramaic, as represented by Biblical Aramaic, the Targūms and the old Syriac.

In classical Arabic these suffixes are appended to the different cases of the noun in the construct form, i. e. without the tanwin or nūnation. E. g.

2. كِتَابُكَ f. كِتَابِكَ, "thy book" (nom.)
 كِتَابَكَ f. كِتَابِكَ, "thy book" (acc.)
 كِتَابِكَ f. كِتَابِكَ, "of thy book" (gen.)
3. كِتَابُهَا f. كِتَابِهَا, "his, her book" (nom.)
 كِتَابَهَا f. كِتَابِهَا, "his, her book" (acc.)
 كِتَابِهَا f. كِتَابِهَا, "of his, her book" (gen.)

and so on. Only the suffix of the 1st pers. sing. absorbs the vowels of the case-endings, so that "my book," "of my book," is كِتَابِي or كِتَابِي in all the three cases.

The forms of the spoken Arabic of the present day are such as we should naturally expect, when we take into account the loss of the case-terminations and other final vowels. "My book" is كِتَابِي, "my father" أَبِي or أَبِي; "thy father" is أَبُوكَ, fem.

أَبُوكِ or أَبُوكِ. But the final vowel of the fem. pronoun also disappears in most cases, and the difference of gender is marked by a transposition, as it were, of the final vowels; instead of كِتَابِكَ and كِتَابِكَ we have كِتَابُكَ *kitābak* and كِتَابِكِ *kitābik*. ✓

The 3rd pers. sing. masc. is properly كِتَابُهُ *kitāb-hu*, but this is almost always written and pronounced كِتَابُهُ *kitābuh* or *kitāboh*,

or else **كِتَابُو** *kitābō*. The fem. is **كِتَابُهَا** *kitāb-hā*, more commonly with shortening of the vowel, *kitab-hā*. From **أَب** the corresponding forms would be **أَبُو** *abūh* and **أَبُوهَا** *abū-hā*. The plurals are **كِتَابُنَا** and **كِتَابُكُمْ**; the fem. forms **كِتَابُنَا** and **كِتَابُنَّ** being very rarely used. The long vowel is either shortened in pronunciation, *kitab-nā*, *kitab-hum*, or a slight vowel (*shēvā*) is interposed, *kitābūkum*. Should the noun end in two consonants, as **عَبْدٌ** 'abd, this *shēvā* is necessarily inserted, 'abdāhā or 'abdīhā, 'abdūkum, 'abdūhum, 'abdīnā.

Let us now take a Hebrew and Aramaic noun with its suffixes, and examine them by the light we receive from the Arabic, ancient and modern. For example, **מֶלֶךְ**, corresponding to the Arabic **مَلِكٌ**, **مَلِكٌ**, and the Aramaic **ܡܠܟܐ**.

1st pers. sing. in old Arabic **مَلِكِي** or **مَلِكِي**, vulg. **مَلِكِي**; Hebrew **מֶלֶךְ**; Chald. also **ܡܠܟܐ**, Syr. **ܡܠܟܐ**, dropping the final vowel.

2nd pers. sing. masc. Arabic **مَلِكُكَ**, vulg. **مَلِكُكَ**. The Hebrew form is **מֶלֶךְ**, in pause **מֶלֶךְ**, with a trace of the original case-endings in the moveable *shēvā* and the *šgōl*. The Aramaic forms are, Chald. **ܡܠܟܐ**, Syr. **ܡܠܟܐ**, with long *ā*, *ō*, whereas we should have expected a short. Probably *mal-kākh* stands for *malkā-dkh*, and that for *malka-ka*, the old accusative with suffix.

2nd pers. sing. fem. Arabic **مَلِكُكِ**, vulg. **مَلِكُكِ**. In Hebrew the usual form is **מֶלֶךְ**, e.g. **מֶלֶךְ**, which may be either merely tone-lengthening of *malk-ik*, or may spring from the coalition of

the two vowels in *malkā-ik*. In Aramaic two forms are found, כִּי and כִּי. The Syrian writes مَلَكِب, but does not pronounce the final *i*. The *ē* in these forms is apparently tone-lengthening of the old genitive termination, *maliki-ki*, which must have received the accent, like the corresponding Ethiopic forms *nəḡūsē-ki*, acc. *nəḡūsā-ki*. Hebrew parallels are רֶעֱתִיבִי, Jerem. xi. 15; עֹיִנִיבִי, Ps. ciii. 3.

3rd pers. sing. masc. Ar. مَلِكْ, gen. مَلِكْ; vulg. مَلِكُو. The Hebrew forms very nearly resemble those of the vulgar Arabic, viz. מֶלֶכָּה, generally מֶלֶכּוּ. These seem to find their origin in the old accus. *malka-hu*, with elision of the *h*, *malka-u*. Quite different is the Aramaic כִּי, as in מַלְכִּי, which I trace to the ancient genitive *malki-hu* or *malki-ki*. Parallel forms to this in Hebrew are לְמִינֵהוּ, Gen. i. 21; אֲדִירֵהוּ, Job xxv. 3. Instead of כִּי we occasionally find in Aramaic כִּי, the *h* having apparently become silent; and this form appears in the Phoen. suffix כִּי, more commonly written ' , as in קִלָּא and פִּנִּי. Hebrew forms like אֲבִי (abhi), פִּי (pi), also spring from the old genitive, with elision of the *h*, for אֲבִירֵהוּ, פִּירֵהוּ, which likewise occur.

3rd pers. sing. fem. Ar. مَلِكَا, vulg. مَلِكَا. In Hebrew we have כִּי, as in אֲבִיָּה, but more commonly כִּי, agreeing with the Aramaic כִּי (כִּי =), וִי, as in מֶלֶכָּה, מַלְכִּי, which we may derive from *malkā-āh*, for *malkā-hā*.

1st pers. plur. Ar. مَلِكْنَا, vulg. مَلِكْنَا. In Hebrew מֶלֶכְנוּ, from the old genitive *malki-nū*. The rare forms with כִּי, such as קִימְנוּ "our adversary," Job xxii. 20, מֶרְעָתָנוּ, Ruth iii. 2, may perhaps represent the old accus. *malka-nū*. They stand

therefore nearer to the Aramaic ܡܠܟܢܐ, ܡܠܟܢܐ, as ܡܠܟܢܐ (ܡܠܟܢܐ), ܡܠܟܢܐ. The Jewish Aramaic form has a tone-long vowel in the penult owing to the accent, (as in the Ethiopic *nəgūsā-na*). The Syriac has lost the final vowel of the pronoun, under the influence of the same accentuation (compare ܡܠܟܢܐ for ܡܠܟܢܐ, ܡܠܟܢܐ).

2nd pers. plur. masc. Ar. ܡܠܟܢܐ, vulg. ܡܠܟܢܐ. Hebr. מַלְכֵיכֶם, probably from the old accus. *malka-kum*; Aramaic similarly ܡܠܟܢܐ, with a purer form of the suffix.

2nd pers. plur. fem. Ar. ܡܠܟܢܐ, vulg. ܡܠܟܢܐ. Hebr. מַלְכֵיכֶן, Aram. ܡܠܟܢܐ, probably from the old accus. *malka-kunna*.

3rd pers. plur. masc. Ar. ܡܠܟܢܐ, ܡܠܟܢܐ; vulg. ܡܠܟܢܐ. In Hebrew the simplest form of the suffix is *hēm* for *hum*, as in פִּיהֶם, אֲבִיהֶם, really old genitives. Most of the forms in use, however, are to be explained from an old accus., such as I descry in the rare form כָּלָהֶם, 2 Sam. xxiii. 6, in pause for *kulla-hēm*; whence, by elision of the *h* and contraction, arises the common כָּלָם. A still fuller form is represented by the suffixes מוֹ, פִּימוֹ, עֵזְמוֹ, חֶלְבְּמוֹ, as in מוֹ, פִּימוֹ, עֵזְמוֹ, חֶלְבְּמוֹ, contracted from *hēlba-hēmū*, etc. מַלְכֵיכֶם stands therefore for original *malka-humū*. The Aramaic forms need no further explanation, ܡܠܟܢܐ, etc.

3rd pers. plur. fem. Ar. ܡܠܟܢܐ, ܡܠܟܢܐ, vulg. ܡܠܟܢܐ. Here again the oldest Hebrew form is the rare כָּלָהֶן; as in כָּלָהֶן, 1 Kings vii. 37, כָּלָהֶן, Ezek. xvi. 53, for *kulla-hēmna* and

lōkha-hēnna. Contracted from this are the forms in נָה־ and נָה־, as לְדָחְנָה, פְּאֶנָה, פְּלֹנָה, לְבִדְנָה, קִרְפְּנָה. Still shorter is the common הָן, as in לְבִדְהָן, חִלְפְּהָן, and ׀־, as in לְפִן. The successive Hebrew forms appear then to have been *malka-hēnna*, *malka-hēn*, contracted *malkālēna*, *malkāna*, *malkdn*. The Aramaic form מַלְכָּחֲמֵה calls for no further remark.

In the dual number the Arabic appends the suffixes to the construct forms in *ā* and *ai*; in the plural, to those in *ā* and *ī*; as

Dual nom. عِبْدَايَ "my two servants," عِبْدَاكَ, etc.

gen. عِبْدَيَّ, عِبْدَيْكَ, etc.

Plur. nom. بَنُوهُ "his sons," بَنُوكَ, etc.

gen. بَنِيَّ, بَنِيكَ, etc.

But "my sons" is expressed by بَنِيَّ for both nom. بَنُوهُ and gen. بَنِيَّ. In Hebrew and Aramaic this difference between the dual and plur. has disappeared; because, as it seems to me, the dual terminations in the suffixes have wholly supplanted the plural. The Assyrian said *šipa-ai* "my two feet" [Del. *šepāa*], *birka-ai* "my knees," *kata-ai*, "my hands," for *šipā-ya*, *birkā-ya*, *katā-ya*, just as the Arab said يَدَايَ, رِجْلَايَ, رِجْلَايَ; but the Assyrian had also the plural forms *šarri-šunu* [*šarrē-šunu*], "their kings," *āšri-šunu* [*āšrē-šunu*], "their places." The Hebrew on the other hand used only one form for both numbers. יָדַיִם for *yadaim* (Arab. يَدَيْنِ, vulg. يَدَيْنِ) would naturally give in the construct form *yadai* (Ar. يَدَيَّ), which became יָדַי; but קַטְלִים for *kātīlīm* (Ar. قَاتِلِينَ, vulg. قَاتِلِينَ) should equally yield קַטְלִי.

= Ar. ثَانِي. As a matter of fact, however, it is not so. The forms in use are מַלְכִי, קִנְיִי, which I maintain to be strictly speaking duals, standing for *kāṭilai* and *malakai*. Herewith all the forms of the Hebrew and Aramaic become intelligible.

1st pers. sing. Arab. مَلِكِي, يَدَي. Hcb. מַלְכִי, יְדִי stand for *yadai-ya* and *malakai-ya*; but the language has dropped the final vowel, and with it the doubling of the final *y*. Similarly in Aramaic, מַלְכִי, מַלְכִי.

2nd pers. sing. Arab. مَلِكِيكَ, يَدِيكَ. Hcb. יְדִיךָ and מַלְכִיךָ for *yadai-ka* and *yadai-ki*, shortened *yadai-k*, מַלְכִיךָ for *malakai-ka*. The fuller form of the fem. also occurs, e.g. חַיִּיכִי and נְעָרִיכִי in Ps. ciii., for חַיִּיךָ and נְעָרִיךָ. This leads us to the Syriac forms ܡܠܟܝܟܐ and ܝܕܝܟܐ, with silent *yūd*. In Biblical Aramaic the diphthong has been weakened into *a*, just as in Hebrew אֵין became אֵן, or in Aramaic itself מֵאֵתָן became מֵאֵתָן. Hence the masc. מַלְכִיךָ, for *malkai-ka*, is according to the *krē* to be pronounced מַלְכִיךָ; whereas the fem. is usually pointed מַלְכִיךָ [in the Targums], though מַלְכִיךָ is also found.

3rd pers. sing. masc. Arab. مَلِكُهُ, يَدُهُ (for *ē*). In Hebrew the fullest form is יְדִירוֹ, עֵינִירוֹ, גְּבוּרִירוֹ, for *yadai-hu*, etc., with weakening of *ai* to *ē*. The more common form, however, is יְדִיו, מַלְכִיו, with elision of the *h* and weakening of *ai* to *a*. We also find a form without *yud*, as דְּבָרוֹ; and the question arises whether this is identical with דְּבָרָיו, or not. If identical, then דְּבָרוֹ is only incorrectly written, according to ear, for דְּבָרָיו. But it may also be that דְּבָרוֹ stands for the old nomi-

native dual דַּבְּרָוּהִי *dabarau-hu*, by elision of the *h*, *dabarau-u*, and then *dabarau*, דַּבְּרוּ; just as the 1st pers. *dabarai-ya* became *dabarai*, דַּבְּרִי. Such at any rate must be the origin of the Aramaic forms מַלְכָּוְהִי, מַלְכָּמְסֹב, the latter with silent סב, for *malkau-hu*. The form מַלְכָּוִי, with elision of the ה, also occurs; and this appears to be the Phoenician form in such phrases as בָּעֵנָל אִשׁ פָּרְנִי לֵם, פִּי שָׁמַע פֶּלֶדְדָּבְרִי, though we may perhaps also read פָּרְנִי and פֶּלֶדְדָּבְרִי, in closer accordance with the Hebrew forms.

3rd sing. fem. Arab. مَلَكَيْهَا, يَدَيَّهَا; Heb. מַלְכָּיהָ, יְדֶיהָ, for *yadai-hā*, *malakai-hā*. The corresponding Aramaic forms are, מַלְכָּהָ (rarely מַלְכָּיָהָ), Biblical, מַלְכָּיהָ, מַלְכָּהָ; Syriac مَلَكَيْهَا, both standing for *malkai-hā*.

1st pers. plur. Arab. مَلَكَيْنَا, يَدَيْنَا. Heb. מַלְכֵינוּ, יְדֵינוּ, for *yadai-nū*, *malakai-nū*. Aramaic, מַלְכֵינָא (כְּרֵ, מַלְכֵינָא), מַלְכֵינָא, for *malkai-nā*.

2nd pers. plur. masc. Arab. مَلَكَيْكُمْ, يَدَيْكُمْ. Heb. יְדֵיכֶם, מַלְכֵיכֶם, for *yadai-kum*, *malakai-kum*. Aramaic מַלְכֵיכֶם, מַלְכֵיכֶם.—The corresponding fem. forms are: Arab. يَدَيْكُنَّ, Heb. יְדֵיכֶן, Aram. מַלְכֵיכֶן. The fuller form כְּנָה is found in Hebrew in Ezekiel xiii. 20, כְּסִתּוֹתֵיכֶן ("pillows").

3rd pers. plur. masc. Arab. مَلَكِيَهُمْ, يَدِيَهُمْ, shortened from مَلَكِيَهُمْ, يَدِيَهُمْ. In Hebrew the oldest form was of course *yadai-humū*, *malakai-humū*. Hence, on the one hand, the ordinary

שְׁנֵימָו, מְלִיָּהֶם, יְרִיָּהֶם; and, on the other, the more poetic אֱלִיהֶם, זְבָחֵמוֹ. Archaistic is the form in Ezekiel xl. 16, מִן אֵיל, from אֵיל as an architectural term. The Aramaic forms are מְלִיָּהֶן, מְלִיָּהֶן, מְלִיָּהֶן. —The corresponding *fem.* is in Arab. مَلِيَّهِنَّ; Heb. מְלִיָּהֶן, יְרִיָּהֶן; Aram. מְלִיָּהֶן, מְלִיָּהֶן. Ezekiel indulges in the archaistic form מְלִיָּהֶן, ch. i. 11.

As to the forms of feminine nouns with pronominal suffixes, I would merely call your attention at this time to one point in which Hebrew differs most markedly from Arabic and Syriac. The Arab adds the simple suffixes to the plural substantive, for example, جَنَاتِهِمْ, جَنَاتِهِ, جَنَاتِكَ, جَنَاتِي. So also the Syrian: مְلִיָּהֶם, מְלִיָּהֶם, מְלִיָּהֶם, מְלִיָּהֶם. But the Hebrew almost invariably employs what is really an incorrect form. He does not say חֲקוֹתָיו, חֲקוֹתֶיךָ, חֲקוֹתֵי, etc., but he adds to the plural חֲקוֹת the dual termination *z*, borrowed from the masc., before appending the suffixes, and thus obtains the forms חֲקוֹתָיו, חֲקוֹתֶיךָ, חֲקוֹתֵי. Almost the only exception is in the forms of the 3rd pers. plur., where we find חֲקוֹתָם as well as חֲקוֹתֵיהֶם.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE VERB.

I NEXT proceed to treat of the *Verb*, in doing which I must direct your attention first, for reasons which will gradually become apparent, to certain *nominal* forms, partly adjectives and partly substantives.

Among the commonest nominal forms in the Semitic languages are those which I may represent by the types *ḵatal*, *ḵatil* and *ḵatul*, especially as concrete substantives and as adjectives. It is in the latter function that we notice them here.

Examples of the form *ḵatal* in Arabic are تَبِعَ "following," "a follower," بَطُلَ "brave," حَسَنَ "handsome"; in Hebrew, חָכֵם "wise," יָשָׁר "upright," רָשָׁע "wicked." The form *ḵatil* may be exemplified in the one language by بَطِرٌ "proud," دَنَسٌ "dirty," عَجِلٌ "quick"; in the other, by כָּבֵד "heavy," זָקֵן "old," טָמֵא "unclean." As instances of the form *ḵatul* I will cite in Arabic نָظַן "clever," يَقָظٌ "awake," حָذَرٌ "timid"; in Hebrew, יָגַר "afraid," קָטַן "small," גָּבַהַּ "high."

In seeking to modify these simple forms, so as to make them express greater extension or greater energy, the Semites adopted one of two methods; they either *lengthened a vowel*, or they *doubled a consonant*. The former process might affect either the first or second vowel; the latter affected chiefly the middle consonant.

The heightening of the first vowel of *katal* would yield the form *kātal*, which is of comparatively rare occurrence, as in طَابَعَ and خَاتَمَ, "a stamp," "a seal," Heb. חוֹתֵם, and in the participles of Hebrew verbs לִיָּה, as חוֹהֵה for חוֹיָה (i.e. *hāzai*). The vowel of the second syllable has generally been weakened into *i*, thus rendering it indistinguishable from the heightening of *katil*, viz. *kātil*. Hence, in the words just cited, the forms طَابَعَ, خَاتَمَ, as well as the great bulk of the participles of the form تَاتَلَ, Heb. קוֹטֵל. Here the lengthening of the first vowel seems to express the continuity or duration of the action.

The heightening of the 2nd vowel yields us the common intensives of the form *katal*, *kattl* and *kātāl*. (1) *Katal*, as in Arabic شَجَاعٌ "brave," جَبَانٌ "cowardly," كَهَامٌ "blunt"; Heb. גָּדוֹל "great," עוֹשֵׁן "an oppressor," קָדוֹשׁ "holy." (2) *Kattl*, as in Arabic رَحِيمٌ "merciful," كَرِيمٌ "noble," ثَقِيلٌ "heavy"; جَرِيحٌ "wounded," قَتِيلٌ "slain," أَسِيرٌ "bound, a prisoner"; Heb. נְבִיא "a prophet," חַסִּיד "gracious, pious"; אֲסִיר "bound, a prisoner," מְשִׁיחַ "anointed." (3) *Kātāl*, as in Arabic أَكْرَلٌ "gluttonous," كَذَّوبٌ "lying," جَسُورٌ "daring"; Heb. עָצוֹם "strong," חָרוֹץ "sharp," נְחוֹשׁ "brazen," and the ordinary participle passive קָטַל.

The Aramaic furnishes us with an example of the heightening of *both* vowels in the form *kātāl*, as נְמוּרָא, כְּמוּרָא, נְהִמָּא.

The doubling of the 2nd consonant appears in Hebrew in the common form *kattal*, intensive of *katal*; e.g. טֵבַח "thief," טָבַח "cook," "executioner," חָרַשׁ "cutter," קִנְאָה "jealous," and with

weakening of the first vowel in the shut syllable אָבִיר "husbandman." Also in the form *kattil*, intensive of *katil*, with weakening of the 1st vowel to *i* in the shut syllable and tone-lengthening of the 2nd into *ē*, *kittēl*, as גִּבֵּן "humpbacked," עִיִּר "blind," פִּקֵּחַ "openeyed, seeing," חִירֵשׁ "deaf."

The intensives of the first grade, *kattl*, *kattl*, and *kattl*, are all capable of being heightened in the same way, thus yielding the forms *kattl*, *kattl*, and *kattl*. (1) *Kattl* is very common in Arabic and Aramaic, e.g. مَضْمِنًا, مَيَّاد, نَجَّار, طَبَّاع. In Hebrew we find קָנֹא "jealous," with *o* for *a*, but more usually the vowel of the 1st syllable is weakened into *i*, e.g. יָפֹר "one who reprehends" or "finds fault" (Job xl. 2 or xxxix. 32). (2) *Kattl* is very common in Hebrew and Aramaic, e.g. אֲבִיר "strong," צִדִּיק "just," עֲלִיז "exulting," עֲרִיץ "oppressor," "tyrant," אֲפִיר "bound"; נִבְחַם "wise," אֲנִיב "just," נִבְחַם "exact."

In Arabic the first vowel is weakened into *i*, e.g. سَكِر "drunken," صَدِيق "very truthful," عَرِيف "very fond of meddling." (3) *Kattl*, as Heb. רַחוּם "merciful," חַנּוּן "gracious," שְׁבוּל "deprived, bereft of young," אֶלּוּף "tame, domesticated, intimate"; Arab. فَرُوق "very timid," قَدِيم "abiding, everlasting," قَدُوس "most holy." In Arabic the vowel of the 1st syllable is sometimes assimilated to that of the 2nd, as قَدُوس, قَدُوس, or قَدُوس "all pure" or "all glorious."

Another important class of nouns in the Semitic languages is the so-called *Segolates*, of which the normal form is *katl*, *kittl*, *kutl*, still retained in Arabic, e.g. عَجَل "calf," أَرْض "earth," أَنَس "car." They are also used as adjectives, e.g. صَعْب "diffi-

cult," عَذْبٌ "sweet"; طِفْلٌ "small, young," جَلٌّ "large, coarse";

صَلْبٌ "hard," حَلْوٌ "sweet," مَرٌّ "bitter." The corresponding Aramaic forms are *k'tal*, *k'til*, *k'tul*, with transposition of the vowels, which however resume their normal place in the emphatic state, e.g. חֲמֻלָּהּ, חֲמֻלָּהּ, חֲמֻלָּהּ. The ordinary Hebrew forms are identical with the Arabic, for the 2nd vowel in Hebrew is merely supplementary, and disappears before a suffix; e.g. אֶרֶץ for אֶרֶץ, with suffix אֶרְצוֹ; סֶפֶר for סֶפֶר, with suffix סֶפְרָה; אֶזֶן for אֶזֶן or אֶזֶן, with suffix אֶזְנִי. But the Aramaic forms are also found in our Hebrew text, though more sparingly, in the construct state; e.g. גִּבְרַת הַמִּיָּם l's. xviii. 26; כְּזֶרַע־זֶרַח Num. xi. 7; נִמְעַ נְשֵׁעֵשִׁיעֵיו Isa. v. 7; מִסְפָּר כִּסְפָּה Prov. iii. 14; and the like.

I have dwelt for a little while on these classes of nouns, because I believe that they really lie at the root of the inflection of the verb in the Semitic languages. In one of the most recent Hebrew Grammars, that of Prof. Bernh. Stade (1879), you will find plainly stated, what I have long believed, that the verbal forms of the Semites are really nominal forms, mostly in combination with pronouns. Each person of the verb is, so to say, a sentence, consisting of a noun and a pronoun, which has gradually been contracted or shrivelled up into a single word. The same view was enunciated some years before by Philippi, in an article on the Semitic verb in the volume entitled *Morgenländische Forschungen*, 1875, and by Sayce in the JRAS. 1877 and in his lectures on Assyrian Grammar.

With this idea in our minds, let us submit the different forms of the Semitic verb to a careful analysis, selecting for the purpose the first or simplest form, and commencing, according to ancient custom, with the perfect state¹.

¹ [The absolute state and construct of nouns of this class usually appear with א instead of א except before gutturals or *rish*.]

² [Cf. Nöldeke's article "Die Endungen des Perfects" in *ZDMG.* vol. xxxviii (1884), p. 407 sqq.]

I. *The Perfect.*

In Arabic, the 3rd pers. sing. masc. exhibits three forms, *ḵātala*, *ḵātīla*, *ḵātūla*, precisely corresponding to the three nominal or adjectival forms mentioned above. The form *ḵātala* is, generally speaking, transitive; whilst *ḵātīla* and *ḵātūla* are intransitive, the latter being the stronger form of the two. Here then we are face to face with the oldest and simplest form of this state and person; and here we at once encounter one of our greatest difficulties, the explanation of the final vowel *a*. On the whole I am inclined, after careful consideration, to acquiesce for the present in Stade's view, that we have here a simple noun, without any pronominal affix, and that the final *a* is really the oldest termination of the Semitic noun. If so, *ḵātala* would be an ancient adjective signifying "killing," or, as a verbal form, "he killed"; حَزَنَ would signify "sorrowing" or "he sorrowed";

ثَقُلَ, "being heavy" or "it was heavy." It is possible however that *ḵātala* may already be a contraction for *ḵatal-ya*, with the pronominal element *ya* postfixed, like *ta*, *na*, etc. That the final vowel existed anterior to the separation of the Semitic stock, is apparent from the following considerations. (1) The Ethiopic has also the forms *ḵatdla* and *ḵēṭla*. (2) The Hebrew and Aramaic, which (like the vulgar Arabic) drop the final vowel under ordinary circumstances, retain it when a pronominal suffix follows; e.g. Heb. קָטַלְתִּי, but קָטַלְתִּינִי *ḵṭāld-ni* = Arab. *ḵātala-ni*; Aram. *ḵṭal*, but with suffix *ḵṭāld-n* for *ḵṭāld-ni*, *ḵātala-ni*.

The Arabic has, as we have seen, three forms of the perfect state, distinguished by the vowels *a*, *i*, *u*. The same distinctions are maintained, to a greater or less extent, in the modern dialects, e.g. in Egypt, *katab*, "he wrote," فَعَلَ *fidil*, "it was over and above," كَثَّرَ *kitir*, *kutur*, "it was much," سَكَتَ *sikit*, *sukut*, "he was silent." The existence of the same forms in the other Semitic languages can easily be proved. In Ethiopic the

ܚܠܝܬܐ ܕܚܝܬܐ ܕܚܝܬܐ. Verbs of the form *ḫaṣila* are, on the contrary, very common in Aramaic; as ܚܠܝܬܐ, ܚܠܝܬܐ; ܚܠܝܬܐ, ܚܠܝܬܐ. Regarding Assyrian I find it difficult to say anything, owing to the conflict among the grammarians as to the real nature of certain forms. Schrader quotes a word *mīti*, "he is dead," which would correspond to the Heb. מֵת, Syr. ܡܝܬܐ, except in its rather perplexing final vowel¹.

I proceed to the 3rd pers. sing. fem.

If we have rightly regarded *ḫatala*, etc., as being originally nouns, without any pronominal affix, we should naturally expect the existence of a feminine formed in the same way as in the noun. And this is actually the case. The fem. of *ḫatala* is formed, as in the noun, by the addition of *t*. The Arabic has *ḫatlat*; the Ethiopic, *ḫatlat*, *yābsat* for *yābisat*, *mēhrat* for *mdhirat*. In vulgar Arabic, e.g. in Egypt, we have the forms *katabet*, *fidlet*, *suktet*. In Aramaic the same form occurs, with the further weakening of the 1st vowel, in the now shut syllable, into *i*, viz. ܚܝܬܐ, ܚܝܬܐ, for *ḫaṣlat*, *ḫaṣ'lat*, *ḫaṣalat*. In Hebrew the usual form is *ḫaṣla*, ܚܝܬܐ, with the same termination *ā* as in the noun; but as in the one case so in the other, *ā* is only a weakened form of *at*, the successive steps being *at*, *ath*, *ah*, *ā*. The proof lies in the following facts². (1) The termination *at* actually occurs, e.g. in ܚܝܬܐ Deut. xxxii. 36, ܚܝܬܐ (for ܚܝܬܐ) Exod. v. 16, ܚܝܬܐ (for ܚܝܬܐ) Deut. xxxi. 29, ܚܝܬܐ Ezek. xli. 17, ܚܝܬܐ (for ܚܝܬܐ) Levit. xxv. 21; etc. (2) The termination *at* has always been retained before pronominal suffixes, in which case we find the forms ܚܝܬܐ, ܚܝܬܐ, and the like. The difference of vocalisation depends upon the difference of accentuation, a point on which I shall offer a few remarks by

¹ [Delitzsch writes *māti*, and recognises a permansive form *ḫaṣil* as common to most verbal themes, to express the idea of prolonged or completed activity as well as that of a permanent state or affection; *Ass. Gr.* p. 235, sq.]

² [Cf. p. 133, *supra*.]

and by, after we have treated of the 3rd pers. plur. masc. and fem. The final *t* is also lost in Phœnician, e.g. יִטְנָא (prob. יִטְנָא) in a Cyprian inscr. of B.C. 254 [*C.I.S.* 93]; in Carthag. inscr. נִדְרָא or נִדְרַע, "she vowed" (also נִדְרַעָא), שִׁמְעָא "she (Tanith) heard," for שִׁמְעָא, etc. I will only add that the final *t* disappears also in Mandaitic before enclitic ב and ל with suffixes, e.g. נִפְלְאָלָהָ, "she fell," for נִפְלְאָלָהָ, instead of נִפְלְאָלָהָ. So also in the dialect of the Talmūd Babli, עֲרִיקָתָא "she fled," אִמְרָהָ לִיהָ, "she went," side by side with אִמְרָהָ לִיהָ, and in derived conjugations אִינְסִיבָא "she was married," אִינְסִיבָא לִיהָ "she was betrothed to him." In such Talmudic forms as הָוָא for הָוָה, and אָתָא אָחֵתִיהָ "his sister came" for אָתָה, we may perhaps discover a lingering trace of the original 3rd radical *yūd*.

If we be right in regarding *ḡatala*, etc., as originally nouns without pronom. affix, we shall again expect to find their plural agreeing in form with that of the nouns. This is also really the case. We shall not be far wrong in assuming *ḡatalūna* as the oldest form of the 3rd pers. plur. masc., which is still preserved to us in יִדְעוּן Deut. viii. 3, 16, and perhaps in צָקוּן "poured forth" Isa. xxvi. 16; as also in the Aramaic forms קְטָלוּן, and the Assyrian *katlūni*, side by side with *katlū*. Usually, however, the final *n* has been dropped, as in the construct state of the noun; whence we obtain the ordinary Arabic *ḡatalū*¹, the Ethiopic *ḡatdlū*, *ldbsū*, *mēhrū*; the Heb. קָטְלוּ; and the Aramaic קְטָלוּ. In the Aramaic dialects the process of corruption has gone yet farther. The Syriac pronounces *ḡʿtal*, and hence we find in old MSS. مَلَّه as well as the more accurate مَلَّه. In Mandaitic too the ordinary form is נִפְלָא, סְגִיד, though the termination *ū* is sometimes restored before enclitics, as נִצְאָבֻלָאךְ

¹ Arabic قَتَلُوا and قَتَلُوا, as in Hebrew occasionally קָטְלוּ, e.g. Josh. x. 24, אָבִיחָא Isa. xxviii. 12, if the text be correct. Sayce makes a strange blunder in considering the quiescent *alif* of the Arabic to be a trace of the original *n*.

"they planted for thee." I may add that in Mandaitic the full form in *ān* is usually preceded by a *yūd*, for the insertion of which I find it hard to account; e.g. רְדִיטִין, סְלִיקִין, נִפְאִקִין "they ran." In the dialect of the Talmūd Babilī we find the same rejection of the termination *ā*, but it seems to leave its mark in an assimilation of the vowel of the preceding syllable; thus, אָסְרִי "they have bound" or "banned," for אִסְרִי; עָבְדִי for עִבְדִי; נִפְקִי for נִפְקִי.

The feminine of *katalāna* we should naturally expect, in accordance with the nominal flexion, to be *katalāna*; and though this form has entirely disappeared in Hebrew, it exists in the other languages. In the Aramaic dialects we find the final *n* retained, in the termination *ān*, or, with a weakening of the vowel, *ēn*. So in the Targūms there occur such words as אִתְּנָהּ "were made clear"; in Mandaitic, with inserted *yūd*, פִּרְאִשְׁיָאן "they understood," רִגְאִיָּאן "they were angry"; in Syriac, مَهْلَنَ for *kʿtālān*. The Arabic exhibits the form *katalāna*, which I cannot as yet make up my mind to regard as anything else than a strong contraction of *katalāna*¹. It has almost gone out of use in the vulgar dialects. Several of the ancient Semitic languages, however, reject the final *n*. The Ethiopic is *nagdrā*, *lābsā*, *mēhrā*; the J. Aram. קִטְלָא. The Syriac must of course have once had the form *kʿtālā*, but dropped the final vowel, whence we find in MSS. both مَهْلَت and مَهْل. In the Christian Palestinian dialect we find קִטְלִי, and so also in Samaritan; but the Mandaitic writes נִפְאִק, סְלִיק, like the Syriac. The older form with the final vowel *ā* appears in Syriac only before some of the pronominal suffixes, e.g. قَهْلَكْ "they have killed me," قَهْلَكْس, قَهْلَكْس, corresponding with the Jewish Aramaic קִטְלִי, קִטְלִי, קִטְלִי.

In what I have said of the 3rd pers. plur. masc. and fem. I

¹ [It would seem from a deletion in the MS., that Prof. Wright had hesitated between this view and that of Nöldeke (*ZDMG.* xxxviii. 412) who regards the Arabic *katalāna* as formed on the analogy of the corresponding imperfect form *yaktulna*.]

have gone on the assumption that the original forms are *ḵatalūna* and *ḵatalāna*. I must tell you however that this is altogether denied by such scholars as Noeldeke and G. Hoffmann¹, who maintain the originals to be *ḵatalū* and *ḵatalā*, and explain the forms in *ūn* and *ān* or *ēn* as later pronominal additions, comparing in particular the vulg. Arab. *katabum* for *katabū*, i.e. *katabū* + *hum* (see Noeldeke in *ZDMG.* xxxviii. p. 410), or else as analogical formations to *صَدَدَ*, *صَدَدَ*; *صَدَدَ*, *صَدَدَ*; *صَدَدَ*, *صَدَدَ*; *صَدَدَ*, *صَدَدَ*.

Here I will make, as promised, a few remarks on the accentuation of certain of these verbal forms and the changes in vocalisation which result therefrom.

The original accentuation of the 3rd pers. I believe to have been that of the old Arabic, *ḵátala*, *ḵátalat*, *ḵátalū*. The Ethiopic, Hebrew and Aramaic carried the accent onward to the next syllable, thus obtaining the forms *ḵatdla*, *ḵatdlat*, *ḵatdlū*; *ḵāḏl*; and *ḵāḏl*, *ḵāḏlū*. The vulgar dialects of the Arabic vary, I believe, between *ḵátal* and *ḵatál*. But in the intransitive forms the Ethiopic left the accent unshifted, and dropped the vowel of the middle syllable, *yábsa*, *sékkhna*. That the Hebrew accentuation too was once the same as in the old Arabic is clear, as it seems to me, from the vocalisation in particular of the fem. *קָטַלָה* and the plur. *קָטַלוּ*, which have now the accent on the last syllable. Had the accent originally fallen on that syllable in the verb, as it does in the noun, we should have had the forms *קָטַלָה* and *קָטַלוּ*, as in the noun we have *חָכְמָה* from *חָכֶם*. But this is not the case. On the contrary, we find the Ethiopic accentuation of the 2nd syllable in the so-called pausal forms, e.g. *נִתְנָה*, *דִּבְּקָה*, *יָלַל*; and it is only when pronom. suffixes are appended, and the tone is consequently thrown forwards towards the end of the word, that we get in Hebrew the forms *קָטַלָהּ* and *קָטַלוּהָ*, e.g. *אֶבְלָתָהּ*, *אֶבְלָהּ*, and *אֶבְלָהּ*; just as in Ethiopic we have *nagarátō*, *nagarū-nī*, *nagarūwō*, and in Arabic itself *ḵatalát-hu*, *ḵatalū-hu*. The Aramaic 3rd pers. sing. fem.

¹ [See *ZDMG.* xxxii. 747.]

קטלת, *ḥḥḥ*, also favours this view, for the suppression of the 2nd vowel of the original *kaḥalat* must have been due to the accentuation of the 1st syllable, as in the modern Arabic of Egypt, *ḥḍalet*, *wildet*, *ḥitret*. With suffixes the form approximates more to the Hebrew, e.g. קטלתה, *ḥḥḥ*; Mand. לא נאלתה "she has not devoured me," אנאלתה "she devoured him." The Mand. form with enclitics, e.g. נפאלתה "she fell," is almost identical with the Heb. אנאלתה.

Passing on to the 2nd person, we find that the Semitic languages split into two divisions, the one exhibiting *t* as the characteristic letter of the pronominal ending, the other *k*. On the one side are the Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, and Assyrian; on the other, the Ethiopic, and most likely the Ḥimyaritic. At least we are told that the South Arabian of the present day says *kunk* for *kunt* "thou wast"; and the form with *k* for *t* is vouched for in other parts of Arabia¹. It is hard to say which is the more ancient form, if either. More probably the two existed side by side from remote antiquity, as we find in all of these languages the separate form with *t*, *anta*, etc., as well as the accus. and genit. suffixes with *k*. In quite modern times the *k* appears where we should not have expected it, as in the Samaritan hymns, גליח for גליית "thou hast revealed," and in a dialect of Syria أنتو for أنت or أنتم. It should further be noted that in the 2nd person no variation is made as to the verbal part of the word, for the purpose of indicating the sex and number of the person or persons addressed. The whole weight of these distinctions has to be borne by the pronominal part. It appeared perhaps to be a waste of energy to point out these differences in both parts, and if one was to be selected, the pronoun seemed to be the better adapted for the purpose.

The 2nd pers. sing. masc. is in classical Arabic قَتَلْتَ, in

¹ See Noeldeke, *ZDMG.* xxxviii. 413; Halévy, *Études Sabéennes*, p. 46.

vulg. Arab. *katābt, misākt, kutūrt*. In Hebrew the final vowel is often indicated by the addition of the letter ה, קָטַלְתָּ or קָטַלְתָּה. The Ethiopic equivalent is *katālka*. The other dialects, like the vulgar Arabic, have dropped the final vowel. Hence in Bibl. Aramaic קָטַלְתָּ and קָטַלְתָּ; in the Targūms קָטַלְתָּא and קָטַלְתָּ, in Syriac ܡܠܬܐ.

In Arabic and Ethiopic the accent naturally rests on the 2nd syllable, *katālta, katālka*; but when an accus. suffix is added, the Ethiopic throws forward the tone, *katalkā-nī, katalkā-na*, and lengthens the vowel before the uncontracted forms of the suffixes of the 3rd pers., *katalkā-hū* or *katalkó, katalkāhā*, etc. In Hebrew the tone is thrown forward not only with pronom. suffixes, but also when the so-called vāv conversive precedes; וְקָטַלְתָּ, וְקָטַלְתָּנִי, but וְקָטַלְתָּהּ or וְקָטַלְתָּהוּ, etc. Similarly in Jewish Aramaic, with suffixes, וְקָטַלְתָּנִי, וְקָטַלְתָּהּ, but in Syriac ܡܠܬܐܢܝ, ܡܠܬܐܢܝܐ, in Mand. ܫܒܐܩܬܐܢ, and in the Talmūd ܡܢܥܬܐܢ “hast hindered me,” ܐܕܦܪܬܐܢ “hast reminded me.” I do not regard the vowel of the Ethiopic and Syriac forms as proving that the termination *ta* had originally a long vowel, *ta*, which is Noeldeke’s view; on the contrary, I believe that the lengthening of the vowel is here due partly to the weight of the accent, but still more to an effort to distinguish this form from the almost identical one of the 3rd sing. fem., ܡܠܬܐ “she has killed me.” Others would explain it as a contraction of the final vowel of *ta* with a supposed connective vowel *a*, as if ܡܠܬܐܢܝ stood for *katallta-anī*.

To the masc. form of the 2nd pers. *anta* corresponds the fem. *anti*; and hence we should expect to find the 2nd pers. sing. fem. of the verb the form *katalti*, which is actually the case. The Arabic has قَتَلْتَ, and the *i* is often lengthened before suffixes, كَسَرْتِيْه or كَسَرْتِيْه. The vulg. form of the present day is

נתלתי *ḵatalti*. The corresponding Ethiopic form is *ḵatalki*, written, according to the exigencies of the Geez syllabary, with long *i*, which passes before suffixes into *ɛ* or *ɛy*, as *nagarkɛ-ni*, *nagarkɛyɔ*, *nagarkɛyɔmū*. In Hebrew the ordinary form is קָטַלְתָּ with the loss of the final vowel; but קָטַלְתִּי is sufficiently common, though usually altered by the Massorites into קָטַלְתִּי; e.g. יִרְדְּתִי and שְׁכַנְתִּי, Ruth iii. 3, 4; לְמַדְתִּי Jerem. ii. 33; דְּבַרְתִּי Jerem. iii. 5. Sometimes the full form seems to have been left through a misunderstanding; e.g. Jerem. ii. 20, where שְׁבַרְתִּי and נִתְקַחְתִּי seem to be 2nd pers. sing. fem. rather than 1st pers.; so also Micah iv. 13, וְהִדְרַמְתִּי. Similarly before suffixes, קָטַלְתִּינִי, קָטַלְתִּיהוּ, or קָטַלְתִּיו, etc. Forms like יִלְדְּתִנִּי, Jerem. ii. 27 (*Kalk* יִלְדְּתִנִּי), or וְהִבְאֵתוּ, 2 Sam. xiv. 10, are very rare. In Aramaic the same phenomena present themselves. In Jewish Aramaic we have קָטַלְתִּי side by side with קָטַלְתִּינִי; whilst the Syriac has preserved the older termination, at least in writing, ܡܠܬܐ, with suffixes ܡܠܬܐܝܬܐ, ܡܠܬܐܝܬܐܝܬܐܝܬܐ. Here again I regard the vowel of the syllable *ti* as being originally short, whilst Noeldeke regards it as long. To me the lengthening seems to be due to the shifting of the accent.

The plural of *anta*, as you may remember, we found to be in its oldest form *antumū*; and consequently we expect in the verb for the 2nd pers. plur. masc. the form *ḵatallumū*, which actually occurs in Arabic poetry and before suffixes, تَلْتُمُونِي، تَلْتُمُونَ.

Generally however the final vowel is dropped, *antum*, تَلْتُمُ; and the common form in the vulgar language is تَلْتُمُوا with the loss of the final *m*. Parallel to these run the Ethiopic forms with *k*, viz. *ḵatalkəmmū*, with suffixes *ḵatalkəmmū-ni*, *ḵatalkəmməṣṣ*, *ḵatalkəmməṣṣmū*. The corresponding form in the modern Tigré

and Tigrîna is *ḡatalkūm* or *ḡatalātkūm*, which latter appears in Amharic as *ḡatalāchhū*, ቀተለሁ. In S. Arabia these forms with *k* are heard at the present day, e.g. *سمعكم samīkum* (Halévy, *Études Sab.* p. 46). As *antum* becomes in Heb. אַתָּם, so *ḡatdltum* appears in the shape of קָטַלְתֶּם, the accent being thrown forward upon the pronoun, as in Ethiopic. The original vowel appears however, in the rather rare form קָטַלְתִּי (corresponding to the vulgar Arabic تَتَلَوَّا), used in connexion with accusative suffixes (Num. xx. 5, xxi. 5, Zech. vii. 5). In Aramaic *n* takes the place of *m* in pronoun and verb. Thus in Syriac *ܡܠܚܝܬܐ*; in Mand. ܢܥܡܪܬܝܢ “ye planted.” In the latter dialect the final *n* disappears before enclitics, as ܢܥܡܪܬܝܠܝܐ “ye have planted me,” ܫܡܪܬܝܠܝܐ “ye have sent me”; and also before accusative suffixes, as ܢܫܡܪܬܝܢ “ye took me,” ܫܡܪܬܝܢ “ye sent me,” which is contrary to Syriac usage, but in accordance with Hebrew and Chaldee, where we find קָטַלְתִּי, קָטַלְתֶּם, beside קָטַלְתִּינִי, קָטַלְתֶּם. In the Talmūd such forms as ܒְּעִיܬܝ, ܫִׁפִּיܬܝ, occur even without suffixes, as in vulgar Arabic.

The feminine of *antumū* we found to be in its fullest form *antunna*, whence the fem. of *ḡataltum* should be *ḡataltunna*. This actually occurs in old Arabic, though it has disappeared from the vulgar dialects. The Ethiopic form is analogous to the Arabic, but has lost the final syllable, *ḡatalkēn*; the final vowel appears, however, in the form with suffixes *ḡatalkēnāhū* (Cornill, *das Buch der weisen Philosophen*, p. 51). But, on the other hand, the form is also liable to a further mutilation before suffixes into *ḡatalkā* (Dillmann, p. 274). The Hebrew form is almost identical with the Ethiopic, viz., קָטַלְתָּ. The existence of a longer form in קָטַלְתָּה, exemplified by הִשְׁלַכְתָּהּ, Amos iv. 3, is very doubtful; and no example with accus. suffixes occurs. The Aramaic forms are such as we might expect, ܡܠܚܝܬܝܢ, ܡܠܚܝܬܝܢ.

In Mandaitic however the feminine is a rarity, its place being mostly usurped by the masculine.

Proceeding to the 1st pers. sing., I would remind you that the root form of the pronoun of the 1st pers. we found to be *iya* or *t*, giving, in combination with the demonstrative *an*, the form *aniya* or *ant*. We found also that some of the Semitic languages inserted a second demonstrative, *ak*, whence the Assyrian *anāku*, the Hebrew אֲנִי, the Moabite אֲנִי, and the Phoenician אֲנִי and אֲנִי *anech*. It is this latter form that has given rise to the verbal affix in the Ethiopic *katalkū*, which is also said to be the form in use in S. Arabia, كَتَّكَ, اَعْتَفَكَ, etc. (comp. Halévy, *Études Sabéennes*, p. 46). In the other Semitic languages we encounter an affix form with *t* instead of *k*, which demands explanation. It may be that *t* has interchanged with *k*, as in the 2nd person we find *ta* and *ka*; but more probably, I think, *tu* has been substituted for *ku* in the 1st person under the influence of the forms of the 2nd person. The solitary *katalku* gave way before the greater number of *t*-forms, and was gradually changed into *kataltu*, except, as we have seen, in Ethiopic (which was destitute of *t*-forms in the 2nd person).

While the Assyrian pronoun *anāku* (Haupt *anaku*) is indisputably older, in respect of its *k*, than the Hebrew *anāki*, the latter would appear to have preserved the termination in a purer form. We may therefore fairly assume that the Arabic *kataltu* and the Ethiopic *katalkū* represent, in respect of the final vowel, a somewhat later stage than the corresponding Hebrew קָטַלְתִּי, with vāv conversive וְקָטַלְתִּי, with suffixes קָטַלְתִּיָּהוּ or קָטַלְתִּיָּי, etc. Whether the *scriptio defectiva* in such forms as יָדַעְתָּ Job xlii. 2, פָּנִיתָ 1 Kings viii. 48, is merely accidental, or really indicates a tendency to dull the final vowel or to drop it altogether, it is hard to say. The Moabite and Phoenician forms were doubtless identical with the Hebrew. King Mesha' writes מִלְכָּתִי בְנָתִי, etc., and in one Phoen. inscr. we find בְּנָתִי (Umm 'Awāmid, *C.I.S.* nr. 7), though the usual spelling is בְּנָתִי. Plautus too has *corathi* for קִרְאִי. In Aramaic the suffix sometimes

appears in full, especially in the case of verbs 3rd 'i, as קָנִיתִי, אִסְנִיתִי; but more frequently the suffix has lost its vowel, the usual form being קָטַלְתָּ, קָטַלְתָּ, which stands for *kaṭlat*, by transposition from *kaṭalt*, which is the form used in vulg. Arab., *kaṭalt*, *misikt*, *kuturt*. The transposition probably took place to distinguish it from the 2nd pers. קָטַלְתָּ, קָטַלְתָּ; and the alteration of the vowel in the last syllable may be ascribed, either to the lingering influence of the lost termination *t*, or to an effort to differentiate this form from the 3rd pers. sing. fcm. קָטַלְתָּ, קָטַלְתָּ (for *kaṭlat*, out of *kaṭalat*). Remark however a difference between the Biblical Aramaic and the Syriac. The former has *movable shēwā*, עָבַרְתָּ Dan. iii. 15, vi. 25, קָרַבְתָּ Dan. vii. 16; the latter silent *shēwā*, עָבַרְתָּ, קָרַבְתָּ. The older form *kaṭalt* appears with the accus. suffixes, קָטַלְתָּ, קָטַלְתָּ. The Mandaitic form is ordinarily the same as the Syriac, לִיגְמִית, נִיפְקִית; but with the enclitics the *t* disappears, and we have the vocalisation *kaṭalē* for *kaṭalēth*, e.g. נִמְאִירְלָה "I tied to him," סְלִיקִיבָה "I went up on it." In the Targūms we find the fully vocalised form אֶבְלִית, דְּחִילִית, etc., which is indeed older than the Biblical forms just cited. In the Talmūd Bāblī both the forms which we have noted in the Mandaitic occur independently of enclitics; כָּבַשְׁתִּי "I subdued," שָׁמַעְתִּי "I heard," אֶרְנִישִׁית side by side with אָמַרְתִּי "I said," נִפְקִי "I went out," חֲזֵאִי "I have seen," קָרָאִי "I called." The final vowel is merely tone-long, and hence can be shortened when the tone is thrown back, as הִקְיַמְתָּ, Dan. iii. 14; and with suffixes, as פָּרַעְתִּיהָ, פָּרַעְתִּיהָ.

You will remark that in the first person, as in the second, the sex or number of the speaker or speakers is not marked in the verbal part of the word; whilst no variation was thought

necessary in the pronominal part, any more than in the actual pronoun אֲנִי or אָנָּה, אֲנִי.

As to the plural, the original form of the pronom. affix was probably *an*, from אֲנֵנוּ or אֲנִי; but it underwent various modifications in the several languages, as we shall presently see.

The Hebrew has preserved the old form in קָמַלְנוּ, with suffix קָמַלְנוּ. The Arabic form is *katalnā*, قَتَلْنَا, with long *ā*, which is however sometimes shortened in poetry, *katalnā*. On the other hand, the Ethiopic has *katalna*, with short *ā*, which is lengthened before suffixes: *nagdrna*, but *nagarnā-ka*, *nagarnā-kēmmū*. Similar is the Chaldec form קָמַלְנָא, with suffixes קָמַלְנָא. In Syriac *nā* is shortened into *n*, ܢܐ, but the fuller termination appears with pronominal suffixes, as ܢܐܢܝܢܐ, etc. The abbreviated form also prevails in the Talmūd Bābli, אֲנֵנוּ, אֲנֵנוּ. Frequently however the Syriac form is lengthened, by a repetition of the pronoun, into ܢܐܢܐܢܐ (sometimes written ܢܐܢܐ). This, in the weakened shape of ܢܐ, is the usual termination in Mandaitic, e.g. ܢܐܢܐܢܐ; but with enclitics the older ܢܐ is restored, e.g. ܢܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ "we went out therein," ܢܐܢܐܢܐܢܐ "we sent them." The accusative suffixes are added to the shorter form in *n*, as ܢܐܢܐܢܐ "we loved thee," ܢܐܢܐܢܐ "we opened it."

I have reserved the *dual* for the last place in our view, because it occurs in only two or three of the Semitic languages, the Arabic and Hīmyaritic, and possibly the Assyrian. The rest,—Ethiopic, Hebrew, and Aramaic,—lost it in the verb before they reached the stage at which we become acquainted with them.

The Arabic forms are precisely such as we should expect, that is to say, almost identical with those of the noun and pronoun. The 3rd pers. masc. is *kātaltā*, like the noun in *dui*, construct *ā*, e.g. *ragūlāni*, *ragūlā*. Similarly in the feminine we find in Arabic *kātaltā*, formed like *ḡannatāni*, *ḡannatā*, from *ḡannat*.

In Hîmyaritic the final *d* seems to have been weakened into *z*. The pronoun **הָמָא** is written **רְמִי** *humē*, and similarly in the verb **שָׁמְתָא** (שָׁמַתָּ), fem. **שְׁמַתִּי** (*shēmatē*, שָׁמְתָא), "they two set up." The dual of the pronoun of the 2d person being in Arabic *antumā*, the corresponding form of the perfect is naturally *ḵatdltumā*. The 1st person, as in the case of the pronoun, has no dual.

Herewith I finish my survey of the perfect state of the verb. You may remember that I regarded it, in most of its forms, as made up of a nominal and a pronominal element; as being in fact a sentence which gradually shrivelled up and contracted into a word. Only the 3rd pers. seemed to be a noun without any pronominal adjunct. Perhaps you are inclined to demur to this view, on the ground of intrinsic improbability. If so, I would remind you that history is apt to repeat itself, and nowhere more so than in language. The formation of the Romance tongues out of Latin, or of the modern Indian dialects out of Sanskrit, illustrates many points in the early history of the Indo-European group. And so the later formations of the Semitic dialects may help us largely to understand the older ones. The ancient Syrian pronounced, and sometimes wrote, **ضَلَحْنَا** for **أَنَا ضَلَحْتُ**, "I am killing"; **ضَحْنَا**, and even **ضَحْبِي**, "I am seeking." In the Talmūd we find such words as **ידענא** "I know," **אולנא** "I am going." The Mandaite could say not only **לאנימנא**, "I take," but also **לאנימנאך**, "I take thee." But above all the modern Syrian forms his present tense solely in this way. Where can you find a more complete parallel to the formation of the Hebrew perfect, as I have explained it, than in the Nestorian present, according to the following paradigm?

sing.	3 p. m.	פָּרִיק <i>pārik</i> , "he comes to an end."
	f.	פָּרְקָא <i>parḵā</i> .
	2 p. m.	פָּרְקִית <i>parḵit</i> .
	f.	פָּרְקַת <i>parḵat</i> .

¹ [The *d* is shortened in the closed syllable *par*.]

1 p. m.	פָּרַקִּין <i>parḳin</i> .
f.	פָּרַקָּן <i>parḳān</i> .
plur. 3 p. c.	פָּרַקְתִּי <i>parḳti</i> .
2 p. c.	פָּרַקְתִּיךָ <i>parḳtikh</i> .
1 p. c.	פָּרַקְתִּיךָ <i>parḳkakh</i> (<i>kākh</i>),
also	פָּרַקְתִּיךָ + (אֲנִי) <i>(parḳkakh + 'ani)</i> .

II. *The Imperfect.*

Having thus discussed the various forms of the perfect state of the verb, I proceed to the consideration of the imperfect.

Here the first thing that strikes us is the different collocation of the parts which go to the constitution of the verbal form. In the perfect the verbal element preceded, and was followed by the pronominal element. The action, as completed, seemed apparently to be more prominent than the agent. In the imperfect, on the contrary, the pronominal element takes precedence of the verbal; the agent seems to be more conspicuous in relation to the still unfinished act. The whole arrangement may of course be, as some have thought, merely accidental; but if we are to seek a reason for it, that just given seems to be the most natural.

Another point of difference between the two verbal states is that the 3rd pers. sing. masc. of the perfect appears to be destitute of any pronominal affix, whereas the corresponding person of the imperfect is furnished with a peculiar pronominal prefix. The reason of this probably also lies in the greater prominence of the pronominal element in the imperfect state. It may of course be said, with Dietrich and Stade, that the 3rd pers. sing. masc. of the imperfect is a noun of the form *yaktul*, יָקַטַל, etc., without any pronominal element. But surely the preformative *ya* demands some explanation; and if so, what explanation is more probable than that it is pronominal in its nature? Rödiger connected it with the Amharic ደከ: or ይህ:

Assyrian. The original shape of the 3rd pers. sing. masc. we may assume in this case to have been *yakdtilu*. In Ethiopic it appears under the normal form of *yəḫdīl*, and corresponds in its general use with the imperfect indicative of the Arabic; whereas the other form *yəngər* answers to the Arabic imperfect subjunctive and jussive. In Assyrian its form, according to Sayce, is *isdkinu* or *isdkin* [Delitzsch *išḫan*], the signification of which is "he makes" or "he will make"; whereas the form *iskun* takes, according to the same authority, the aoristic sense of "he made."

We need not at present dwell longer on this form *yəḫdīl*, because its prefixes and flexion are identical with those of the other form *yəḫtīl*, which is common to all the Semitic languages, and therefore better adapted for the purpose of a comparative survey.

Of the different moods,—subjunctive, jussive, and energetic or cohortative,—we will not treat just now, but confine our attention for the present exclusively to the indicative mood.

The 3rd pers. sing. masc. of the imperfect indicative is in classical Arabic *yakṭulu*, with *ā* as the vowel of the prefix and a final *ū*. This we may accept as the archetype. The vulgar dialects drop the final vowel and weaken that of the first syllable, *yəktul*, *yəktul*, or *iktul*, *yimsik*, *yuskut*; thus giving us the same form which we find already in the Ethiopic *yəngər*, the Assyr. *iskun* (יִסְכֵּן, "he placed" [Del. יִשְׁכֵּן]) or *išbat* (יִצְבַּת, "he seized"), and the Hebrew יִכְבֵּד, יִפְקֹד. This too is the common form in the Aramaic dialects, e.g. Jewish Aram. יִלְבֵּשׁ, יִקְטֹל, with some important exceptions, which we shall specify presently.

That the vowel of the preformative was originally *a* in Hebrew as well as in Arabic we may infer: (1) from verbs of which the first letter is a guttural, as יִאָסֵר or יִאָסֵר, יִדְרֹג, יִעָבֵר; (2) from verbs ע"ע, as יִעָן, יִסָּב, which stand for *yashub*, *ya'suz*; and (3) from verbs ע"ו, as יִנָּח, יִקָּם, which stand for *yakwum*, *yanwul*. As we have often seen already, an original *pathach* may be gradually weakened into *segol* or *chirek*; but it is impossible that an original *chirek* should in such a case give rise to a *pathach*.

This person of the verb is identical in form, or nearly so, with a class of nouns in the older Semitic languages, which occur partly as proper names and partly as common nouns. Such are in Hebrew, יָצֵדֵר "adversary," יָדֵר "oil"; יָבֵקֵם "bag," יָחֵמֵר "kind of deer," יָנֵשֵׁן "bittern" (?); in Arabic, يَنْبَع "the Helper," يَنْوَق "the Averter," يَنْزَب "green," يَنْبُوع "jerboa," يَنْخَصِر "freshly cut branch," يَنْخَضِر "green," يَنْبُور "male bustard," يَنْخَمُور "oryx," يَنْعَلِي "male vulture," يَنْخَمُور "male vulture," يَنْبُور "rapid river, horse, etc.," يَنْبُوع "queen bee," يَنْفُور "gazelle," يَنْمُور "lamb, kid," يَنْبُوع "fountain," يَنْعِيد "thickened honey," يَنْعِيد "a kind of plant."

From all these cases it seems perfectly clear that the prefix *ya* must signify "one who, he who, that which"; but we do not find in the older Semitic languages any pronoun of this signification at all resembling *ya* in sound. In Amharic, one of the modern dialects sprung from the Ge'ez or Ethiopic, we find, it is true, a pronoun *p ya*, used (exactly like *ya*, *ya*, *ya*) both as the relative and as a sign of the genitive case. Praetorius seems however to have made it tolerably certain that this *ya* is only a modification of the Ethiopic *ḥ sa*, which is still used in Harari, the intermediate link being *sha ḥ* in one of the Tigrīña dialects. The change of sound is the same as in the Amharic *ḥa*, *ḥa*, derived through *ḥa*, *ḥa*, from an older *ḥa*, *ḥa* = *ḥa*. This comparison therefore fails us. Neither does it seem likely that this *ya* can stand for *wa*, as an abbreviation of *huwa*; because, though initial *w* passes into *y* in Hebrew and Aramaic, the same change does not take place in Arabic and Ethiopic. I am obliged therefore to confess my ignorance of the derivation of this prefix.

Here I may add that some scholars have sought this same pronoun *ya* as a suffix in the perfect. According to them *ḥatala* and *ḥatalū* stand for *ḥatalya* and *ḥatalyū*. For this view I

can find no support whatever save in the Mandaitic plural which I mentioned in a previous lecture, viz. רנאזין, fem. רנאזיין, instead of רנא. It seems to me, however, very unlikely (1) that the *y* should have been simply elided, without leaving behind any trace of its existence; and (2) that, if it had wholly disappeared in Arabic, Ethiopic, Hebrew, and the older Aramaic, it should have been preserved in the comparatively late Mandaitic. I am compelled therefore to reject this view, though I cannot at present suggest any adequate explanation of the isolated Mandaitic forms just quoted.

I said before that there were some important exceptions to the formation of the 3rd pers. sing. masc. by *ya*. These I now proceed to enumerate.

Already in the Chaldee of the Old Testament we find the verb הוּא forming the 3rd pers. sing. masc. with ל instead of י; לְהוּא for יְהוּא in Ezra iv. 13, Dan. ii. 20, with the corresponding plur. masc. לְהוּן Dan. ii. 43, and fem. לְהוּיִן Dan. v. 17. The same form is common in the Talmūd Babilī, and occurs also in Mandaitic, in both cases side by side with the forms with *n*; e.g. לִימָא "say," לִכְתוּב לִיִּיתִי "bring"; לִיקוּם, לִירמִיא "be like," לִישְׁתְּרִיא "be dissolved." In Syriac the *n* alone is found, הוּ, נִחַ, נִחַס, נִלֵּן. On the whole subject see Mr Lowe's note in his *Fragment of the Talmud Babilī P̄sachim*. The identity of this *l* and *n* may perhaps be admitted; that either of them sprung from the *y* must be denied. De Goeje (in a review of Kautzsch's *Gr. des Biblisch-aramäischen*) supposes the form לְהוּא to be originally an infin. הוּא compounded with the prep. ל, "to be" taken in the sense of "is to be," "shall be"; and to this הוּא he finds a parallel in the form לְבִנִיא, Ezra v. 3, 13. To me it seems that the origin of the *l* may rather be sought in the demonstrative *l*, which is the essential element of the article אֵל, הֵל, and which appears in various pronouns and demonstrative

adverbs such as *הָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ*, etc. The *n*, if it be anything more than a mere variation of the *l*, may also be explained from the demonstrative *n*, which appears for instance in *הָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ*, the pronominal base *an*, *הָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ, וְהָלַךְ*, etc.

The 3rd pers. sing. fem. has for its prefix *ta*, that is, no doubt, the same mark of the fem. gender which we find at the end of the word in the perfect *ḵatalat*. The typical form is again the old Arabic *taḵtulu*, vulgarly *taḵtul*, *teḵtul*, *tiktul*, *timsik*, *tuskut*, which latter coincide with the Assyrian *taskun*, *tašbat*, and the Ethiopic *teṅṅer*, *teḷbas*. In Hebrew the *a* of the 1st syllable is ordinarily sunk to *i*, *תִּכְטֹל*, *תִּכְטֹל*; but *ā* and *ā* are found in the same cases as in the masc., e.g. *תִּכְטֹל*, *תִּכְטֹל*, *תִּכְטֹל*. Similarly in Aramaic, *תִּכְטֹל*, *תִּכְטֹל* (Mandaïtic).

Yaktulu being, as we have seen, essentially a nominal form, its plural is naturally obtained by the usual nominal inflexion, as in the perfect. The most ancient form is once more found in the Arabic *yaktulūna*, which is vulgarly shortened into *yaktulū*, though *yaktulūn* is still heard. In Hebrew the fuller form *יִכְטְלוּ* is not uncommon, as *יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ*, in pause *יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ*; but the shorter *יִכְטְלוּ* is far more frequent. The Ethiopic forms are *yeṅṅerū*, *yeḷbasū*, with which correspond in accentuation the Hebrew pausal forms *יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ*, etc.; and the vulgar Arabic (Egypt) *yik-tilū*, *yimsikū*, *yuskūtū*. The Assyrian exhibits, as we might expect, the forms *iskunū*, *išbatū*. The old Aramaic dialects hold fast the final *n*, *יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ, יִכְטְלוּ*. So also in Mandaïtic *נִישְׁתַּלּוּן*, *נִישְׁתַּלּוּן* "plant"; but before the enclitics the *n* disappears, *נִישְׁתַּלּוּן, נִישְׁתַּלּוּן* "register with you."

The feminine form corresponding to *yaktulāna* would naturally be *yaktulāna*. This is actually retained by the Aramaic dialects in the forms נִרְמָזָן, נִרְמָזָה, נִרְמָזָה, Mand. נִרְמָזָה "wink." In Ethiopic and Assyrian we find the same forms with the loss of the final *n*; Eth. *yəngēra*, *yēlbasā*; Assy. *iskunā*, *išbatā*; and so also in Mandaitic, נִרְמָזָה, נִרְמָזָה, are more common than the fuller form in נִרְמָזָה. The Arabic has contracted *yaktulāna* into *yaktūlūna*, after the analogy of *katāla* for *katalāna* in the perfect. The same form occurs in Hebrew; e.g. יִחַמְנָה Gen. xxx. 38, וַיִּשְׁרְנָה 1 Sam. vi. 12 (for וַיִּשְׁרְנָה), and יַעֲמִדְנָה Dan. viii. 22; but more commonly the Hebrew employs a form with prefixed *t*, after the analogy of the singular, and says תִּקְמִלְנָה, e.g. תִּקְמִלְנָה, תִּקְמִלְנָה, תִּקְמִלְנָה. The same form occurs dialectically in Arabic, even among the various readings of the Korān, e.g. Sūr. xlii. 3, يَنْظُرْنَ for يَنْظُرْنَ. In the vulgar Arabic dialects the fem. seems to have vanished entirely.

The 2nd pers. is formed by prefixing to the verbal element the syllable *ta*, being, as we have already seen, the essential base of the pronoun *anta*. Hence we get in the sing. masc. the normal *taktulū*, which is the actual Arabic form; in the vulgar dialects, *taktul*, *taktul*, *tiktul*, *timsik*, *tuskut*. The Assyrian has retained the pure vowel in its *taskun*, *tašbat*; whilst the Ethiopic exhibits the weaker *təngər*, *tēlbas*. The Hebrew offers exactly the same variations as the 3rd pers.; we find תִּקְרַב, תִּקְרַב, תִּקְרַב, but תִּקְרַב, תִּקְרַב, תִּקְרַב, תִּקְרַב. The Aramaic forms, תִּקְמִל, תִּקְמִל, Mand. תִּקְמִל, תִּקְמִל, call for no remark.

The 2nd pers. sing. fem. is differentiated from the masc. not by any change in the pronominal prefix, but by the addition of the termination *ina*, the origin of which seems quite obscure.

The normal form is again the Arabic تَقْتُلِينَ, *taktulīna*, which has survived in Hebrew in such forms as תִּקְרַבְּקִין Ruth ii. 8, 21 תִּקְרַבְּקִין iii. 4; תִּקְרַבְּקִין iii. 18. So also in Aramaic, תִּקְמִלִין,

لصه. In other cases, the final *u* has altogether disappeared, as in the vulgar Arabic تَقْتُلِي *tiktūlī, timstī, tuskūtī*; Assyrr. *taskunī, tašbatī*; Eth. *ṭengṭrī, ṭlbdst*; Heb. תִּנְכַּחֲרִי, in pause תִּשְׁכַּחֲרִי, תִּלְכַּחֲרִי, תִּרְאִי. In Mandaitic this fem. form seems to have gone out of use. In what I have said I regard *ina* as being the original termination of this person, and *i* as a shortening thereof. Other scholars take *i* to be the original termination, and consider *in, ina* to be a later formation after the analogy of the plur. *ūn, ūna*.

The formation of the plural in the 2nd pers. is identical with that in the 3rd. The normal form in the masc. is, as usual, the Arabic تَقْتُلُونَ. The final *u* is preserved in Hebrew in such words as תִּשְׁמְרוּן, תִּחְקְרוּן, תִּעֲמְדוּן; or with fuller vowels in pause, תִּשְׁמְרוּבֹן, תִּחְקְרוּבֹן, תִּעֲמְדוּבֹן. So also in Aramaic. תִּקְמְלוּן, לَصَه, Mand. תִּרְדִּימוּן or more frequently תִּרְדִּימוּן. In vulgar Arabic the final syllable has been rejected, leaving تَقْتُلُوا *tiktūlu, timstū, tuskūtū*; with which correspond the Assyrian *taskunū, tašbatū*, the Ethiopic *ṭengṭrū, ṭlbdsū*, and the Hebrew תִּנְכַּחְרוּ, תִּשְׁכַּחוּ, תִּלְכַּחוּ; in pause, with fuller vowels, תִּשְׁכַּחוּבֹן, תִּלְכַּחוּבֹן, תִּנְכַּחְרוּבֹן. In Mandaitic too the *u* disappears before the enclitics, as in the 3rd person.

The fem. corresponding with *taktulūna* ought to be *taktulāna*; and this form is preserved, with the loss of only the final vowel, in the Aramaic תִּקְמְלָא. In Mandaitic, however, it seems to have fallen into disuse. The Assyrian and Ethiopic exhibit forms with the loss of the final *u*; Assyrr. *taskunā, tašbatā*; Eth. *ṭengṭrā, ṭlbdāsā*. In Arabic *taktulāna* is contracted as I take it, after the same manner as the 3rd pers. fem., into *taktūlna*, a form which is lost in the vulgar dialects, but has been preserved in some examples in Hebrew, e.g. תִּקְמְלָנָה, Ezek. xiii. 23, תִּשְׁאִינָה, Ezek. xxiii. 49, and a very few more.

An example like **הָרָאִי**, Song of Songs i. 6, shows that here, as well as in other cases, in Hebrew the masc. was gradually supplanting the fem.

The prefix of the 1st pers. sing. **אֲנִי** is apparently derived from the corresponding pronoun **אָנָּה**, **אָנָּה**. In Arabic it is **أَنْتَ** (vulg. *aktul*, *amsik*, *askut*), which appears in Assyrian, with the loss of the final vowel, as *askun*, *ašbat*. In Ethiopic the vowel is weakened, *éngēr*, *élbas*; and so also in Aramaic, **אֲנִי**, **אֲנִי**, Mand. **עֲשֵׁבֹק**. Similarly in Hebrew, **אֲשֶׁר**, **אֲחֵל**, **אֲעֵבֵר**, **אֲאֶחֶף**; but **אֲחֵן**, **אֲשֶׁבֶר**, with the original *a*.

The corresponding plural takes its prefix *na* from **אֲנַחְנוּ**, **נַחְנוּ**. In Arabic it is **نَحْنُ**, vulgarly *nektul*, *niktul*, *nimsik*, *nuskut*. In most of the other languages the vowel of the first syllable is weakened; e.g. Eth. *néngēr*, *nélbas*; Assyr. *niskun*, *nišbat*; Aram. **נִקְמָל**, **נִשְׁבָּת**, Mand. **נִישְׁבֹּק**. The Hebrew alone retains the original *a* with gutturals and in verbs **נָעַר** and **נָעַר**, e.g. **נָשַׁר**, but **נָאֶחֶף**, **נָעֵבֵר**, **נָאֶחֶם**.

The *dual* number is found, as in the perfect, only in old Arabic and Assyrian; and only in the 3rd and 2nd persons, not in the first. The 3rd pers. masc. in Arabic is **يَقْتُلَانِ**, with the same termination as in the perfect and in substantives. It is represented in Assyrian, according to Sayce, by the form *iskunā*, *išbatā*, with the loss of the final syllable¹. The corresponding fem. in Arabic is **تَقْتُلَانِ**, to which the Assyrian inscriptions seem to offer no counterpart. The 2nd pers. is likewise **تَقْتُلَانِ**, which form serves for both genders, and is found in Arabic alone.

In conclusion, let me call your attention to the gradual shifting of the accent here, as in the perfect, at least in certain

¹ [Delitzsch regards these forms as plurals.]

forms. The original accentuation appears to me to be that of the classical Arabic, viz. on the first syllable of the 3rd pers. sing. *yāktulu*, in Eth. *yəngər*. In the lengthened forms of the 2nd sing. fem. and the 3rd and 2nd plur., the Ethiopic threw forward the accent one place, *ṭəngērī*, *yəngērū -rā*, *ṭəngērū -rā*, as compared with the corresponding Arabic *tāktulī*, *yāktulū*, *tāktulū*; and this accentuation we find in Hebrew in the so-called pausal forms, יִשְׁלֹ; תִּהְיֶה; תִּשְׁמָעוּ; תַּחֲשֹׁבוּ; תִּלְכֵּי; תִּלְכְּשִׁי; תַּעֲבֹדוּ; יִחַלְדוּ; יִשְׁבּוּ; and also in the vulgar Arabic *tiktūlī*, *timskī*, *tuskūtī*; *tiktūlū*, *timskū*, *tuskūtū*. Generally speaking, however, the Hebrew, like the Aramaic, shifts the accent to the last syllable, יִחַלְדוּ; יִקְטְלוּ; תַּקְטִילוּ; תִּקְטִלְוּ. The forms ending in *ina*, *ūna*, are already accented in Arabic on the penult, and the accent remains on the same syllable when it becomes final in Hebrew and Aramaic, יִקְטְלוּ; תַּקְטִילוּ; תִּקְטִלְוּ; תִּקְטִלְוּ. So also the Aramaic feminines in *ān*, יִקְטְלוּ; תַּקְטִילוּ; whereas the Arabic forms ^{يقتلن} ^{يقتلن}, with the corresponding Hebrew ones, are accented on the penult.

III. *The Imperative.*

Passing on to the imperative mood, I would point out to you its perfect identity in the masc. sing. with the nominal form that constitutes the base of the Arabic imperfect. With substantially the same vowels as in the imperfect, the original forms are *k'tul*, *k'tal* and *k'til*. Nearest to this postulated original stand the Aramaic forms ^{ܕܡܢ} ^{ܕܡܢ}; and the Hebrew ^{וְיָרֶם} ^{וְיָרֶם} (for ^{וְיָרֶם}); in which latter the vowels *u* and *i* are heightened by the tone, as in the imperfect. The Ethiopic ^{ሰጠኝ} ^{ሰጠኝ}, show by the accent that more weight was given to the first syllable than in Aramaic and Hebrew; and the same appears to have been the case in Assyrian, where we find the vowel of the first syllable assimilated to that of the second, *šukun*, *šabat*, *riḫiṣ*. The Arabic attained the same intonation by

means of a prosthetic *'alif*, with partial assimilation of its vowel to that of the 2nd syllable. Thus, for *k'tul*, the Arab wrote and spoke *'uḳtul*, أَتَقُلْ; for *ḡlis*, *'ḡlis*, أَجْلِسْ; but for *fraḡ*, he said *'afraḡ*, أَفْرِقْ, not *'ḏfraḡ*, because the vowel *a* appeared to him to be too heavy for a merely prosthetic syllable.

As the fem. of *k'tul* we should naturally expect *k'tulna*, after the analogy of *taḳtul*, *taḳtulna*, in the imperfect; but this full form has been nowhere preserved, except in such rare Syriac forms as *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ* or *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ*, e.g. *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ*,

"remember thou me," *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ*, *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ*, *ܠܗܝܬܝܢܝܢܐ*.

As in the imperfect, so here, the final *n* has usually been dropped, e.g. Chald. *ܩܬܠܝ*; and then the *i* has disappeared also, as in the

Syriac *ܩܬܠܝܐ*; Mand. *ܩܬܠܝܐ*. In the Talmūd

the final *'* is retained, at any rate in writing, e.g. *ܩܬܠܝܐ*, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*. The Ethiopic form is *neḡērti*, *l'ḡdsi*, with shifting of the

accent, as we might expect. In the Assyrian forms *ṣukini* or *ṣukni*, *riḥiṣi* or *riḥiṣi*, *ṣabli*, the elision of the vowel seems to indicate that the accent remained on the first syllable. The classical Arabic too retains the accent on the prosthetic vowel, *'uḳtuli*, *'ḡlisi*; whereas in vulgar Arabic (Egypt) it is shifted, *uḳtūli*, *imṣli*. In Hebrew the forms *k'tūli*, *k'tāli*, are found in

pause, e.g. *ܩܬܠܝܐ*, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*; but also out of pause, according

to the *k'tūli*, in *ܩܬܠܝܐ* Judg. ix. 12, *ܩܬܠܝܐ* 1 Sam. xxviii. 8. Out of pause, however, the word is commonly modelled somewhat after the form of segolate nouns, and becomes *ḡuḥli*, *ḡaḥli*; e.g.

ܩܬܠܝܐ, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*; but the vowel of the first syllable is mostly weakened to *i*, or even, in certain cases, to *shvā*;

e.g. *ܩܬܠܝܐ*, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*.

The plural of *k'tul* we should naturally expect, after the analogy of the imperfect, to be *k'tulna*; and this form is actually found in Syriac, *ܩܬܠܝܐ*. Usually, however, the *n* is dropped,

as in the Chaldee קטלו; and lastly the final *u* disappears, as in the perfect, leaving in Syriac the form **ܡܬܬܬܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐ**. written in Mandaitic without the *w*, **ܡܬܬܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐ**. The Mandaitic however exhibits a few examples of the full termination *ān*, or even, as in the perfect, *yān*, e.g. **ܡܬܬܐܢ** (with prosthetic **ܡ**), "lay waste." The final *ā* is also retained before the enclitics, e.g. **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. In Talmudic the *u* is often retained, at any rate in writing, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. If dropped, it seems in some cases to affect the vowel of the previous syllable, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ** (for **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**) or the interjectional **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ** ("quick!"). The Ethiopic form is, as we might expect, *ṃṣṣān*, *ṣṣān*, with shifting of the accent; the Assyrian, *sukinū* or *suknū*, *riḥiṣū* or *riḥṣū*, *ṣabtū*, were perhaps accentuated on the first syllable, as the elision of the vowel seems to indicate. The old Arabic retains the accent on the prosthetic syllable, *'uḳṭulū*, *'ḡlisū*; but the vulgar dialect (Egypt) shifts it, *uḳṭilū*, *imṣṭkū*. In Hebrew the forms *ḳṭlū*, *ḳṭlū*, appear in pause, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ** (for **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**). Out of pause, the word is modelled somewhat after the form of segolate nouns, and becomes *ḳuṭlū*, *ḳaṭlū*, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. Mostly, however, the vowel of the first syllable is weakened to *i*, or even, in certain cases, to *shəṣā*; e.g. **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**, compared with the pausal **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**.

For the 2nd pers. plur. fem. the normal form ought to be *ḳṭulāna*, which appears in Syriac, with weakening of the vowel in the last syllable, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. If the *u* be dropped, the vowel disappears with it, leaving **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. But with suffixes the original *a* is restored, as **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ**. Similarly, the Ethiopic forms are *ṃṣṣān*, *ṣṣān*; and the Assyrian, *sukinā* or *suknā*, *riḥiṣā* or *riḥṣā*, *ṣabtā*. The Arabic, on the contrary, follows the analogy of the imperfect. As *taḳṭulāna* becomes *taḳṭilna*, so *ḳṭulāna* becomes **ܡܬܬܐܢܐ** *'uḳṭilna*. This too

is the Hebrew form, רָאִינָה, שְׁמַעְנָה, סִפְרְנָה. In a couple of instances the final נה (also written ן) is shortened into *n*, viz. שְׁמַעְנָ Gen. iv. 23, and קְרָאֵן Exod. ii. 20; which is in accordance with the vulgar pronunciation of a form like ^{فـرـيـن} *ḡurubn*, as heard in Palestine by Robinson and Eli Smith, viz. *ḡurubn*.

The dual is to be found in ancient Arabic alone, and its form is analogous to that of the imperfect, viz., 'iḡtulā, for 'uḡtulāni, ḡtulāni. It serves for both genders, like the imperf. taḡtulāni.

IV. *Variations of the Imperfect and Imperative.*

I now proceed to notice sundry variations of the imperfect and imperative, which are used in the Semitic languages to express different shades of meaning, and which correspond in part to the several moods of the Indo-European tongues. As regards the imperfect, it has four such forms, serving as indicative, subjunctive, jussive (cohortative, optative), and energetic; whilst the imperative has two, the simple and the energetic.

It is in the old Arabic alone that these forms appear in full vigour, clearly distinguished by their terminations. The imperfect indicative ends in *n*, *yḡṭulu*; the subjunctive in *a*, *yḡṭula*. The jussive has ordinarily no vowel, *yḡṭul*, but seems originally to have ended in *i*; at least the poets use *yḡṭuli* in rime. Furthermore, the shorter terminations *i*, *n*, and *a* are always substituted for the fuller *ina*, *ūna*, and *āni*, in the fem. sing., the masc. plur., and the dual; *idḡtuli*, *yḡṭulū*, *yḡṭulā*, not *taḡtulīna*, *yaḡtulīna*, *yaḡtulāni*. The province of each form is also distinctly marked out. The subjunctive is used in dependent clauses after certain conjunctions, such as ^{أَنَّ} "that," ^{كَيْ} "that," ^{لِ} "that, in order that," ^{حَتَّى} "until," and the like. The jussive serves as an imperative after ^{لَا} "not," as ^{لَا تَقْتُلْ} "do not kill," and after ^{لِ}, as ^{لِيَقْتُلْ} "let him kill" (commonly used in the 3rd pers. only). Preceded by ^{لَمْ} it designates the negative of the past, as ^{لَمْ يَقْتُلْ} "he did not kill." It is also extensively employed in

two correlative conditional clauses, whether actually introduced by the conditional particle **إِنْ** "if," or not; e.g. **إِنْ تَعْجَلْ تَنْدَمَ** "if thou art hasty, thou wilt repent"; **مَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا يُجْزَ بِهِ** "he who doth evil, shall be recompensed for it."

In such languages as have lost the final vowels, these distinctions are of course no longer clearly obvious. The Aramaic, for example, we may at once dismiss from our observation. In Ethiopic a special form *yēndgēr* is employed for the imperfect indicative; whilst the ordinary *yēngēr* represents the subjunctive and jussive, e.g. **እገዚአብሔር ይዕቅዝ፡** (*yēkábbka*) "may God preserve thee," **ለይነን-ነ ብርሃን፡** "let there be light." Similarly, in Assyrian, if the grammarians may be implicitly trusted, the imperfect indicative is *išd̄kin*; whilst *iškun* has assumed an aoristic sense. Of this fact there appears to be no doubt. In the so-called precative, however, we see a form exactly corresponding to the Arabic jussive with **ل** and the Ethiopic with **ለ**; e.g. 3rd pers. *iškun*, *iškunū*, 2nd pers. *lutaškun*, 1st pers. *luškun*.

In Hebrew there is a somewhat closer correspondence to the fullness of the Arabic. If we can no longer distinguish the subjunctive from the indicative, we can at any rate clearly discern the jussive, and perceive that it had originally the same form as in Arabic. This takes place most easily in the Hiph'il of the regular verb, in the **קל** and Hiph'il of verbs **פ"ע** and **פ"ע**, and in the various conjugations of verbs **ל"ה**; though there are equally clear cases in the **קל** of some other classes, where the imperfect has *a* or *e* for its characteristic vowel. The form is used as an optative or an imperative, especially after the negative **לֹא**, or in the 3rd pers.; frequently too in correlative conditional clauses, as in Arabic; and lastly, with the so-called *udu conversive*. On all these points see your Hebrew Grammar or Mr Driver's treatise on the tenses. Here I shall only seek to illustrate the different forms. If you compare **אֶל-תִּשְׁחִית** with **תִּשְׁחִית**, or **אֶל-יִאֲמַן** with **יִאֲמַן**, you perceive at once that you have before you two forms corre-

sponding exactly to the Arabic ^{يَقْتُلُ} and ^{يَقْتُلْ}. תִּשְׁחִית or יִאֲמִין is, as I shall explain to you in a subsequent lecture, the equivalent of ^{يَقْتُلُ} with the loss of the final vowel; while תִּשְׁחִית or יִאֲמִין answers to the shorter ^{يَقْتُلْ}, *i* being heightened into *ē* in the tone-syllable. With *vāu converse* this *ē* may even become *ɛ*, if the accent be thrown back, as יוֹסֵף from יוֹסֵף. So also in verbs ע"ע, compare יָחַן, יָסַב, יָעַז, with יָחַן, יָסַב, יָעַז; Hiph'ʾל, יָגַן, יָפַר, with יָגַן, יָפַר. In verbs ע"ו, יָקַם, יָסִיר, with יָקַם and יָסִיר; Hiph'ʾל, יָבִין, with יָבִין and יָבִין; יָסִיר and יָסִיר. In verbs ל"ה the form is even more marked, if possible: יִשְׁבֶּה but יִשְׁבֶּה, יִרְאֶה but יִרְאֶה; with tone-lengthening, יִשְׁבֶּה, יִשְׁבֶּה; יִבְכֶּה, יִבְכֶּה; יִדְרֶה, יִדְרֶה; with supplemental vowel, יִחַר, יִגַּל, יִעַשׂ, יִעַל. In Pi'el, יִצְוֶה, יִקְוֶה, but יִדְרֶה, יִפְתֶּה, יִרְדֶּה, יִגְלֶה, יִעֲשֶׂה, יִעֲלֶה; in Hiph'ʾל, יִפְתֶּה, יִרְדֶּה, יִגְלֶה, יִעֲשֶׂה, יִעֲלֶה; with supplemental vowel, יִחַר, יִגַּל, יִעַשׂ, יִעֲלֶה, יִפְתֶּה, יִרְדֶּה, יִגְלֶה, יִעֲשֶׂה, יִעֲלֶה.

Once more; there exists in Arabic, as I have already told you, an *energetic* or *cohortative* in two shapes, the one with the fuller ending *anna*, the other with the shorter *an*, ^{يَقْتُلَنَّ} and ^{يَقْتُلْنِ}. If we seek after the origin of this termination, we shall perhaps discover it in that demonstrative *n*, which we have already found as a component part of so many pronouns and other demonstratives, such as ^{أَنْ}, ^{إِنَّ}, ^{هَئِذَا}, ^{هَئِذَا}; and the like. I will not, however, pretend to decide as to the fuller form ^{يَقْتُلَنَّ}, whether it arises from an intensive doubling of the *n* of ^{يَقْتُلْنِ}, or whether, as Stade thinks, it is compounded of ^{يَقْتُلْنِ} and a particle, now lost in Arabic, equivalent in meaning to the Hebrew נָא and

Syriac ܢܐ. If the latter be the case, ܐܩܡܝܢ would be exactly equivalent to ܢܐܩܡܐ. Similar is the form in the inscriptions of S. Arabia, as in the tablet : ܐܠܝܩܡܥܢ ܥܬܬܪ ܕܝܬܒܪܢܐ.

These forms, or at any rate the shorter one of the two, have left distinct traces in Hebrew in two ways. (1) In all those forms of the imperfect with pronominal suffixes, where our grammars speak of an *epenthetic nūn* (Kautzsch's *nūn energicum* or *demonstrativum* is a better term). This *n* is sometimes preserved, as יְעִבְרֶנּוּ Jerem. v. 22, יִצְרְכֶנּוּ Deut. xxxii. 10, יִבְרְכֶנּוּ Ps. lxxii. 5, אֶתְקַנְךָ Jerem. xxii. 24, יִכְבְּרֶנִּי Ps. l. 23; but more usually assimilated, as יִחַקְרְנוּ, יַעֲזֹבְנָה, יַעֲזֹבְךָ, יִשְׁמַעְךָ. Similar forms are in constant use in the Aramaic dialects, though more widely in some than in others, and have even found their way into the perfect with plural suffixes in Mandaitic and Talmudic, as also perhaps in the Syriac form ܠܓܡܝܢܐܢ = Mand. ܠܓܡܝܢܐܢ or ܠܓܡܝܢܐܢ, though ܐܢܐ may here be the independent pronoun = ܐܢܐ or ܐܢܐ in Biblical Aramaic. In Phoenician this demonstrative *n* occurs also in the suffixes appended to nouns. (2) In the separate forms in ܐܢܐ. In Arabic ܐܢܐ may also be written ܐܢܐ, and is pronounced in pause ܐܢܐ 'akṭulā. Hence is apparent its identity with the Hebrew ܐܢܐ. Observe, however, that whilst the form is fully inflected in Arabic, its use is almost restricted in Hebrew to the first person sing. and plur.: ܐܢܐ, ܐܢܐܚܢ; ܐܢܐܚܢ, ܐܢܐܚܢ; ܐܢܐܚܢ, ܐܢܐܚܢ; in pause, with older accent, ܐܢܐܚܢ, ܐܢܐܚܢ, ܐܢܐܚܢ, ܐܢܐܚܢ. Very rare are examples in the other persons; e.g., in the 3rd, Ps. xx. 4, Is. v. 19, Ezek. xxiii. 20, Prov. i. 20, viii. 3, Job xi. 17 (where some take ܐܢܐܚܢ for the 2nd pers. masc.). Of a weakened form in ܐܢܐ we have two instances; ܐܢܐܚܢ Ps. xx. 4, and ܐܢܐܚܢ 1 Sam. xxviii. 15.


These same energetic forms are also used in the imperative, viz. in Arabic, **أَقْتُلْ** and **أَقْتُلِي**. In Hebrew the form in **הָרַג** is restricted to the 2nd pers. sing. masc., but appears in two shapes.

(1) With the older accentuation, קְטִילָה, קְטוּלָה, from *k'tīlan*, *k'tūlan*; as פִּשְׁטָה and חֲנֻכָּה Is. xxxii. 11, מְלוּכָה Judg. ix. 8

(*Kātibh*), צרופה, P's. xxvi. 2 (*Do*); שְׁמָעָה, רְגוּזָה, יִרְשָׁה; with suffixes תִּנְנָה, קִרְאָנָה, שְׁמָעָנָה. (2) More frequently the form

is adapted to that of the augmented persons of the imperative, and the accent shifted to the last syllable; e.g. **עֲזְבָה, בְּרִיחָה**,

V. *The Infinitive.*

The *infinitive* of the Semitic languages is in reality nothing but a verbal noun, varying in form according to various modifying influences. In Arabic the grammarians enumerate some forty of these forms in the first conjugation only, though perhaps not more than a dozen or so of these are in common use. In the other languages the number is much smaller. In Ethiopic there are in the first conjugation only two, *nagir* and *nagtrōt*; in Aramaic but one, . The Hebrew has likewise two infinitives, one of which, however, appears under several different forms.

Among the commonest infinitives in Arabic are the simple segolates قَتَلَ *katl, kitl, kutl*, as قَتَلَ, قَتَلَ, قَتَلَ; جَبَنَ *jabana*, جَبَنَ, جَبَنَ; ذَكَرَ *zakara*, ذَكَرَ, ذَكَرَ; حَفِظَ *hafiza*, حَفِظَ, حَفِظَ; قَوْلَ *qawla*, قَوْلَ, قَوْلَ; فَرَبَ *faraba*, فَرَبَ, فَرَبَ; شَكَرَ *shakara*, شَكَرَ, شَكَرَ; with their rarer feminines قَتَلَتْ *katla, kitla, kutla*, as قَتَلَتْ, قَتَلَتْ, قَتَلَتْ; رَحِمَتْ *rahima*, رَحِمَتْ, رَحِمَتْ; سَمَرَتْ *samarat*, سَمَرَتْ, سَمَرَتْ. To these—or still more closely to their Aramaic equivalents [the nominal forms] *k'tal, k'til, k'tul*—correspond the

forms of the ordinary Hebrew infinitive construct, קָטַל and קָטַלְתִּי, with their feminines קָטַלְתְּ or קָטַלְתְּהוּ, and קָטַלְתְּהוּ or קָטַלְתְּהוּ. Of these by far the most common is קָטַל, with suffixes קָטַלְתִּי and קָטַלְתְּ, etc. Of the rarer forms examples are: (1) שָׁכַב, שָׁכַבְתִּי, שָׁכַבְתְּ; with suffixes, שָׁכַבְתִּי Gen. xix. 33, 2 Chron. xxvi. 19, בָּמַעַלְתִּי Ezek. xx. 27, וְעָקַדְתִּי Is. xxx. 19. (2) אָהַבְתִּי Deut. vii. 8, חָמַלְתִּי Gen. xix. 16, יָרָאְתִי Is. xxix. 13; שָׁנְאָה Deut. i. 27. (3) עָצַמְתִּי Is. xlvii. 9, נָבְחָה Zeph. iii. 11, קָרַבְתִּי Exod. xxxvi. 2, xl. 32, חָמַלְתִּי Ezek. xvi. 5, חָמַצְתִּי Hos. vii. 4.

The other Hebrew infinitive, the so-called infinitive absolute, has the form *kāṭōl*, as נָתַן, הָלַךְ, יָצָא, יָדָע, אָרָד, בָּנָה, גָּעַן. Since *o* in Hebrew ordinarily represents original *a*, this form seems to be identical with the interjectional or imperative form *kāṭṭali* تَطَال in Arabic. As in Hebrew שָׁמֹר means "keep, observe!" or זָכֹר "remember!" so in Arabic نَزَال means "come down!" تَرَاك "let alone!"

VI. *The Participles.*

Of the active participle there would appear to have been originally three forms, corresponding to the three forms of the perfect, viz. *katal*, *katil*, and *katul*. The first of these, however, is actually known to us only as a verbal adjective, e.g. חָכֵם, יָשָׁר; unless we except the fem. הָרָה, constr. הָרֵת. The other two actually occur as participles: יָגוֹר Jerem. xxii. 25, xxxix. 17 (the only example of this form), מָלָא, גָּדַל, יָשָׁן, etc. The place of *katal* has been usurped by an intensive form *kāṭal*, of which we find clear traces in the verbs לָה, e.g. חָוָה,

for *ḥōsai* חוֹסִי (which actually occurs as a proper name); and in the usual feminine *ḥōṣeleth*, for *ḥōṣalt*, as יֹרֶדֶת, יֹשֶׁבֶת, פֹּרֶדֶת, in pause יֹשֶׁבֶת, with suffixes יוֹלְדָתְכֶם, יוֹלְדָתִי; as well as, I think, in such construct forms as אֶבֶר Deut. xxxii. 28, נִמְעַ

Ps. xciv. 9. Far more common however than *ḥāṣal* is the form *ḥāṣil*, which may be explained in one of two ways; either as a weakening of *ḥāṣal* by change of *a* in the second syllable into *i*; or as an intensive of the intransitive *ḥāṣil*, the use of which has been gradually extended so as to embrace all classes of verbs. Its oldest form is the Arabic *ḥāṣil*, fem. *ḥāṣilat*, with which closely agree the Ethiopic *ṣāḏēk*, fem. *ṣāḏēkt*, and the Assyrian *sākin*, *asib*, fem. *sākinat*, *asibat*, as also the Aramaic קָטַל, קָטְלָא, קָטְלָא, קָטְלָא.

In the Biblical Aramaic this participle is pointed, at least in pause, קָטַל, e.g. Dan. iv. 10, vi. 3, vii. 9, but also iii. 17, iv. 20, 34. In the same dialect the feminine and plurals have moveable *shēvā*, e.g. בְּטָלָא Ezer. iv. 24, פְּתָבָה Dan. v. 5, יִתְבִּין Ezer. iv. 17, מְלָקָן; whereas in Syriac the *shēvā* is silent, مَلُحَ،

חָבַל, whence it comes that in later Jewish Aramaic [and in some Hebrew Bibles] we often find *pathach* in the first syllable, though incorrectly. The moveable *shēvā* is of course the older form, coinciding with the moveable *shēvā* of the Hebrew, and the full vowel *i* of the Arabic *ḥāṣilūna*, *ḥāṣilatūna*. The Hebrew form naturally substitutes *ḥ* for *ḥ* in the 1st syllable, and heightens the vowel of the tone-syllable into *e*, whence קָטַל, fem. קָטְלָה, in certain cases with fuller vowel בְּנִיָּה, אֹכְלָה.

In regard to the passive participle, the Semitic languages diverge from one another more than is usual. Of the passive voice generally I shall treat at another opportunity. At present it must suffice to say that the participial form ordinarily employed in Arabic is *maḥṣūl*, with the prefix *ma*, of which I shall have more to say when we come to the derived conjugations of the verb. The Hebrew form *ḥāṣūl*, קָטַל, is very common in Ethiopic, but with the first vowel weakened, *ḥāṣūl*, fem. *ḥāṣūlt*,

The Arabic, as usual, exhibits this form in its primitive integrity, *ḥattala*; قَتَلَ “to kill many, to massacre”; كَسَرَ “to break into many pieces”; بَكَى “to weep much” or “constantly”; مَرَّتْ

“to die in great numbers”; מָוֹת “to go round and round.” So in Ethiopic, ረከዐ : *rasṣdya*, “to do”; ረከዐ : *saṣṣdya*, “to send”; ረከዐ : *saṣṣe'a*, “to call out” (where the vowel of the 2nd syllable is modified by the final guttural). In Hebrew the original form was, of course, *kattil*; but as in the noun we find אָכַר for אֶכֶר , so in the verb *kittil* for *kattil*, as גָּדַל , אָבַר , שָׁבַר , רָחַם , יָאֵשׁ “betroth to oneself.” The *ā* of the 2nd syllable is sometimes weakened to *ʾ*, as in דָּבַר , כָּפַר , בָּבַס (with which compare the change of *ā* into *ʾ* in גָּבַר for גִּבַּר); but far more usually into *i*, more especially in pause, where it appears, owing to the force of the tone, as *i* = *ā*. This change is probably owing to the influence of the vowel of the same syllable in the imperfect and imperative (קָטַל , יִקְטֹל). In the first and 2nd persons the original short *ā* is dominant, דִּבַּרְתִּי , דִּבַּרְתָּ , דִּבַּרְתָּם , דִּבַּרְתִּי , דִּבַּרְנוּ . In the pausal forms of the 3rd pers. sing. fem., and the 3rd pers. plur., the weaker vowel predominates: לִקְטָה , גִּלְתָּה , דִּבְרָה , though we also find קִבְּצָה , Micah i. 7. In the Aramaic dialects the weakened קָטַל , קָטַל , מָטַל prevails, except where a guttural, or the letter *r*, as 3rd radical, may have protected the original vowel; e.g. קָטַל , קָטַל .

Glancing at the imperative, imperfect, and participle, we observe that in all the Semitic languages the vowels of the root-syllables are *ā* in the first and *i* in the second, *kattil*. So the imperative in Arabic, كَتِّلْ *kattil*; in Ethiopic, ረከዐ : *saṣṣe'a*; in Hebrew, דָּבַר , בִּקֵּשׁ ; in Syriac, ܕܒܪ , ܕܒܪܐ . The nominal form *kattil*, intensified to *kattil*, lies at the root of the verbal form. Hence it appears that the use of *ā* in the case of radicals 3rd guttural, like בָּלַע , שָׁמַח , קָטַל , קָטַל , is due, not to the retention of the original vowel under the protection of the guttural, but to a later change of *i*, *e*, into *ā* under the influence of that

guttural. Side by side with שִׁמַּח לְבִי, Prov. xxvii. 11, we have שִׁמַּח נַפְשׁ עַבְדְּךָ; and the pausal forms of the fem. and plur. are always רִבְּרוּ, רִבְּרוּ, not רִבְּרִי, רִבְּרִי.

The imperfect is formed and inflected on precisely the same principles as in the first or simple conjugation. The vowel of the preformatives was originally *ā*, yielding the forms *yakḏḏīlu*, *taḏḏīlu*, etc. This pure vowel I find, however, only in the Ethiopic subjunctive of verbs 1st guttural, e.g. *የሐደደኝ: yahḏḏēṣ*. Otherwise it is weakened into *ē*, as *የፍፍሰኝ: ፍፍሰ*. In Arabic this dull obscure vowel appears in the classical language as *ū*, e.g. *يَقْتُلُ, تَقْتُلُ*; and the same is the case in Assyrian, where we have the forms *yušakkin*, *tušakkin*, etc. In vulgar Arabic Spitta gives the preformative the vowel *i*, whilst the vowel of the final syllable varies according to the nature of the last radical, *yisaddak*, *yifattak*, but *yikallim*, *yirattib*. In Hebrew and Aramaic the preformative vowel is also *ē*, *יִקְטֹל, יִפְתֹּל*, save that in the 1st pers. sing. *אֶ* appears in Hebrew and *א* in Aramaic, *אֶרְבֵּר, אֶפְתֵּר*. As, in the 1st conj., the Ethiopic exhibits two varieties of the imperfect, one serving for the indicative, the other for the subjunctive and jussive, so here in the 2nd conj. In the 1st conj., however, the distinction was easily made, and effected by a mere change of the vocalisation; *yeḏḏēṣ* for the indicative, *yeḏḏēṣ* for the subjunctive, corresponding in form at least to the Assyrian *išākin* and *iškun*. But here, in the 2nd conj., some further change is necessary, because of the double letter, which renders any mere vowel change almost impossible without entirely destroying the normal form. The Ethiopic therefore retained the normal *yeḏḏēṣ* for the subjunctive, and had recourse for the indicative to the form *yeḏḏēṣ*, *ፍፍሰ*, the origin of which is not perfectly clear. That the doubling of the 2nd radical has been dropped is certain; and therefore it seems most likely that the form *kaitāla* has been resorted to, which would naturally appear in Ethiopic as *kētāla*.

The active participle follows exactly the same vocalisation. Its preformative in Ethiopic is *ma*, e.g. *መጠጠፈ: ma'dmṣṣē*,

מַקְוֶה: *makwduh*. The Hebrew and Aramaic weaken the vowel to *e*, מְרַיֵּר, מַצְמֵל; and this dull vowel is represented in old Arabic and Assyrian by *u*, مَقْتَل, *mušakkin*, in modern Arabic by *e*, as *mšfattah*, *mšsaddak*, *mškammit*, *mš'allim*.

The infinitive of this conj. also calls for a few remarks. Beginning with the Hebrew, we find the ordinary or construct infin. to be קָטַל, *kattal*, from an original *kattil*. The weakening of the 1st vowel to *i* is a rarity, as קָטַל Levit. xiv. 43, קָטַל Jerem. xlv. 21; שָׁלַח Deut. xxxii. 35¹. Compare in the class of concretes such words as גָּבַן, עָוַר, from *gabbîn*, 'avvîr. The same form *kattal* serves for the infin. absolute (with weakening נָאץ 2 Sam. xii. 14); but with it occurs another, viz. קָטַל, e.g. קָטַל, יָסַר, רָפָא, בָּרַךְ. The corresponding concretes are exemplified by רְחוּק "chain," קָנֹא "zealous, jealous," or, with weakening of the 1st vowel, מְלוֹא, גְּבוֹר, שְׂבוֹר, יָסוֹר (Job xl. 2 = xxxix. 32), (تَفَاوَدَ) קָפֹח. These all spring from an original *kattal*, the intensive of קָטַל, תָּטַל. The Arabic infin. تَتَال is therefore weakened from تَتَال, as in كَذَاب, عَلَم, حِمَال, as compared with the concretes كَذَاب, عَلَم, حِمَال.—The forms with prefixed *i*, which are generally assigned to this conjugation, تَقَاتِل, تَقَاتِل, تَقَاتِل, we shall explain elsewhere.—In Aramaic the forms of the infinitive diverge somewhat from one another. The Aramaic of the Bible and the Targūms generally has the form קָטַל (קָטַל); whilst the Talmūd Babilī, the Mandaitic, and the modern Syriac, exhibit קָטַל; e.g. Talm. B. שְׂבוֹחֵי,

¹ [Kautzsch-Ges. (25th ed., p. 143) recognises only two certain examples of the infinitive const. with *i* in the first syllable, viz. Lev. xiv. 43 and 1 Chron. viii. 8, and in both the text is open to question; see *Journ. of Phil.* xvi. 72. In 2 Sam. xii. 14 the inf. abs. נָאץ seems to be influenced by the sound of the following word נָאץ.]

שאבוהיא, אסוייא, נאמוריא, בארוכיא; צלויי, אסויי; mod. Syr. ܩܬܠܝܐ. This ܩܬܠܝܐ is not easy to explain, but most likely, as Noeldeke thinks, it is connected with such Hebrew forms as שָׁכַח (plur. שָׁכְחוּ, Is. xlix. 20) and שָׁלַח, plus the originally fem. termination *ai*, which we find in Syriac in ܠܡܚܝܒ, ܠܡܚܝܒ, etc. In all these dialects an *m* is occasionally prefixed, Targ. ܡܬܩܬܠܐ, Mand. ܡܦܐܩܘܪܝܐ, mod. Syr. ܡܬܩܬܠܐ; and this is the ordinary form in old Syriac, but with a different termination, though also originally fem., viz. ܡܬܩܬܠܐ. The prefixing of the *m* may have been due to the influence of the participial forms, and of the infin. ܦܬܠܐ. — In Mandaitic and modern Syriac a fem. of ܩܬܠܐ is also in common use as a verbal noun or infinitive, viz. ܩܬܠܐ, as ܦܐܩܬܐ "order," ܪܐܓܐܬܐ "provocation," ܘܐܡܐܬܐ "selling," ܘܐܪܐܬܐ "warning"; ܠܡܚܝܒ "completion," ܠܡܚܝܒ "deliverance." The most nearly corresponding forms in Hebrew are represented by such words as ܦܩܬܐ "desiring," ܦܩܬܐ "care," ܦܩܬܐ "terror," ܦܩܬܐ "cutting off (of rain), drought, distress," ܦܩܬܐ "punishment," ܦܩܬܐ "drought." These are intensives of the form ܩܬܠܐ ܩܬܠܐ, found in old Syriac and still more abundantly in mod. Syriac, ܡܬܩܬܠܐ, ܡܬܩܬܠܐ; just as ܩܬܠܐ is the intensive of the Syr. and Mand. ܩܬܠܐ, ܩܬܠܐ, ܩܬܠܐ, ܩܬܠܐ.

2. The second verbal form in this group is that which expresses an effort, with the implied idea of a counter-effort. Its expression lies in the lengthening of the vowel of the first syllable, *kātala* instead of *katala*. It is in general use in Arabic only, but examples occur in Ethiopic too, the form being identical in both languages, viz. ܒܐܪܬ, ܒܐܪܬ: "bless"; ܚܕܐ, ܚܕܐ: "go to law"; ܕܐܢܐ, ܕܐܢܐ: "talk to"; ܕܐܢܐ, ܕܐܢܐ: "play the hypocrite."

In Hebrew its use is likewise restricted. It appears in this language under the shape of *kāḏāl*, for *kāḏal*, and is most common in verbs ע"ע, e.g. פִּוֶּר "cleave," חוּלַל "pierce, wound," חוּנַן "show mercy," סוּבַב "surround," הוּלַל "befool," רוּצֵץ "crush to bits." In the ordinary triliteral verb examples are rare, but certain; e.g. לִשֵּׁן (Job ix. 15, מְשַׁכְּמִי = مَسْكَمِي), שׁוּפֵט (Ps. ci. 5, מְלֹשְׁנִי בַּסֶּחַר רִעְדוּ, סוּעַר (Hos. xiii. 3, יְסוּעַר "blows away"), שׁוֹרֵשׁ "to take root," דָּרוּ וְהָגוּ "conceiving and uttering," Is. lix. 13. In Aramaic this form can hardly be said to occur, save in Biblical Aramaic, where we find מְסוּבְלִין "set up," Ezra vi. 3. The inflexion runs entirely parallel to that of the intensive form, and therefore requires no special elucidation. I will merely remark as to the Arabic infinitive that the original form is قَتَالٌ *kītāl*, of which the grammarians quote one or two examples, as قَتَالٌ and قَتَالٌ. Usually, however, it has been shortened into قَتَلٌ, though some compensated for the loss of the long vowel by doubling the middle radical, قَتَّالٌ, قَتَّالٌ, which must however have led to confusion with the infinitive of the intensive. The Hebrew infinitives דָּרוּ and הָגוּ hold fast the original vowel *ā*, and would be represented in Arabic by some such words as قَاتَلٌ and هَاجَأٌ, which do not actually exist.

As to the participle I would remark that an example without prefixed *m* seems to offer itself in the word עוֹיִן 1 Sam. xviii. 9 (*Kethibh* עוֹן), for the corresponding Arabic verb is عَانٍ. We shall have occasion hereafter to notice other participial forms in Hebrew and modern Syriac without prefixed *m*.

And here I may call your attention in passing to another verbal form in Hebrew, which is in some cases identical in

preformative *h*, *sa*, more frequently *ah*, *as*, is an ordinary causative prefix, e.g. חוֹנֵן: "be honoured," אֲחֻנֶּה: "honour." In Assyrian such forms as *ušaškin*, "set up," *ušaṣriš*, "spread out," *ušašbit*, "let seize," seem to be common. In Biblical Hebrew, on the other hand, the prefix ש is found only in the derivative nouns שְׂלֵהֶבֶת "flame," [from Aram. שְׂלֵהֶב "kindle"], שְׂקַעְרֹהוֹת (Levit. xiv. 37), "hollows, depressions," (rad. קער), and שְׂבִיל "snail," (rad. בלל "moisten," בָּל). In the Aramaic dialects, on the contrary, there are numerous examples of it, such as שְׂבִיל, שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב. The form with *ḥ* is far more rare, e.g. שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב; Syr. שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב (rad. שְׂחַב); Mand. שְׂחַב, שְׂחַב. "smooth."—This initial *s* underwent, however, in most cases, a further change into *h*. Hence some rare Arabic forms like هَات "give," هَرَّاق "pour out," هَرَّاد "wish," هَرَّاح "let rest," (for أَت, imperative of أَتِي, from أَتِي "come"). This *h* does not occur in Ethiopic or Assyrian, but we find it in one of the Himyaritic dialects, هَرَّاق. In Biblical Aramaic it is common, in the forms הֲקַטַּל, הֲקַטַּל; and may also be found in the Targūms, at least in verbs הֲפִיץ and הֲפִיץ. In Mandaitic there are likewise a few instances, e.g. הֲאֻלִּיל "cry out, lament"; הֲאֻלִּיל "despise"; הֲאֻלִּיל "lead out," and הֲאֻלִּיל "let ascend," as well as הֲאֻלִּיל and הֲאֻלִּיל. In Syriac it is unknown¹; but it is the usual form in Hebrew. Here the original was *hakṭal*, with *a* in both syllables. For the first syllable this is proved (1) by the vowel of the imperative and imperfect, and (2) by the forms of verbs הֲפִיץ, where הֲפִיץ, הֲפִיץ, can only

¹ [שְׂבִיל and שְׂחַב appear to be of Assyrian origin. N.]

² [The solitary form שְׂחַב, was regarded by Prof. Wright as a loan-word from the Hebrew.]

arise from הָרִישׁ, הַרְשִׁיב. For the second syllable the *a* is established (1) by the vowel of the 1st and 2nd persons, הִקְטַלְתִּי, הִקְטַלְתָּ, etc., and (2) by the form הִקְטַלְהָ for הִקְטַלְהִי, in verbs לִיץ or לִיץ. The vowel of the first syllable was however mostly weakened into *i*, and that of the second into *ē*. In the second syllable we should naturally expect = *ē*, but the language has in this case gone a step further and sunk *ē* into *i*. Hence the normal הִקְטַל, with its fem. הִקְטַלְהָ and plur. הִקְטַלְוּ. The rest of the paradigm does not call for much remark. The imperfect יִקְטִיל is a contraction for יִהְיֶה־יִקְטִיל, of which fuller form examples occur in Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic. The normal *ē* is retained in Hebrew in the jussive יִקְטַל, the infinitive absolute הִקְטַל, and the imperative הִקְטַלְנָה and הִקְטַל (in Gen. iv. 23); but the long *i* appears in the heavier forms of the imperfect יִקְטִיל, the energetic יִקְטִילְנָה, הִקְטַלְהָ, the imperative הִקְטַלְהִי, הִקְטַלְוּ, and the participle מִקְטִיל. The infinitive construct varies between הִקְטַל and הִקְטַלְהָ, though the former is much more common. A form like הִשְׁמִיד, Deut. vii. 24, xxviii. 48, is a rarity¹.

The last step in the history of the factitive or causative is the weakening of the initial *k* into the spiritus lenis. In Phoenician the perfect is written with initial *ʿ*, but was probably pronounced *ikʿil*. Examples from the inscriptions are יִטַּנ "he set up," and יִקְדַּש "he consecrated." This weakening is almost universal in Arabic, where the form is written أَكْتَل *ʾaktala*². In Ethiopic too it is exceedingly common; and the prefix *a* is used in this language to form causatives not merely from *katála*, but also from *kattála*, and even from *kātdla*; as ጽጽል: "come," ለጽጽል: "bring"; ሰረ: "go," ለሰረ: "make to go"; ሠነዖ: *sanndya*, "be beautiful," ለሠነዖ: *ʾasanndya*, "make beautiful"; ለፈጸመ:

¹ [Indeed, the genuineness of such forms is doubtful; see *Journ. of Phil.* xvi. 71.]

² In vulgar Arabic one hears *islam* for *aslām*, "he has become a Muslim," but this is a rare exception.

"make one finish"; $\lambda\lambda\phi\eta$: "condole with one." In Tigrifla and Amharic too it is in ordinary use. In Hebrew it is very rare (אֲנִלְתִּי "I have defiled," Is. lxiii. 3; אֲשַׁכֵּם , infin., Jerem. xxv. 3); but in the Aramaic dialects it is the almost universal form, ܐܢܠܐ . In one instance in Syr. the vowel of the 1st syllable is weakened to *e*, viz. ܐܢܠܐ , as compared with ܐܢܠܐ , ܐܢܠܐ ,—like the vulg. Arab. اسلم mentioned above. With regard to the initial *a*, I may remark that it disappears after preformatives; e.g. in Arabic, يَقْتُل , part. مَقْتُل ; in Ethiopic, from $\lambda\lambda\eta\lambda$: "make speak," ያṇḍḡr and ያṇḡr ; Syr. ܐܢܠܐ , ܐܢܠܐ . The vulgar Arabic of Egypt has weakened the vowel of the 1st syllable to *i*, as yikhhir (يُخْبِر), yimhil (يَمِيل). In the Aramaic dialects, the infinitive of Aph'el exhibits nearly the same varieties as that of Pa'el. The Biblical and Targumic form is ܐܢܠܐ , ܐܢܠܐ , corresponding very nearly to the Arabic اَتَلَّ ; Talm. Babil and Mandaitic, ܐܢܠܐ , as ܐܢܠܐ , ܐܢܠܐ ; "knecl," ܐܢܠܐ "condemn"; with prefixed *m*, ܡܐܢܠܐ "go," ܡܐܢܠܐ "bring"; Syriac, always with *m*, ܡܐܢܠܐ .

B. Second Group.

The 2nd group of derived conjugations consists of four members, serving originally as reflexives and reciprocals of the previous four, but often also as passives. The sign which is common to the whole of them is the prefixed syllable *ta*. This, whatever may have been its primitive form and derivation, must originally have been quite different from the causative prefix *ta*, of which we spoke above.

1. The reflexive of the first conjugation is *taḡṭṭala*. Of this

we have two varieties in Ethiopic, ተከፈነ: *takaddna*, and ተከፈነ: *takaddna*, "cover oneself, be covered"; ተጠቀነ: and ተጠቀነ: "guard oneself, abstain, beware, be guarded"; ተወለደ: "be born"; ተላከ: "be taken"; ተጠሰ: or ተጠሰ: "be angry." In course of time the prefixed *ta* would lose its vowel, and take a prosthetic vowel instead, becoming firstly *i'*, and then *'it* or *'it/*. Hence the Aramaic form, אֶתְקַטַּל, more commonly, with weakening of the last vowel, אֶתְקַטַּל, אֶתְקַטַּל. In Syriac and Mandaitic we also find a supplementary vowel in frequent use, ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ. The Biblical Aram. has the spiritus asper instead of the lenis, ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, e.g. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ Dan. iii. 28. In Hebrew this form is of very rare occurrence indeed. A possible example, without any prosthetic, may be ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, of which the imperf. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ occurs in Jerem. xii. 5, and the participle ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ in xxii. 15. If so, this form is next of kin to the Syr. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ. More certain is a derivative from the rad. פָּקַד, with the prosthetic spiritus asper, viz. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ "to be numbered, mustered," e.g. Judges xx. 15, 17, xxi. 9, which is written without *daghesh* and with *kāmeṣ* wherever it occurs¹. The Arabic form أَتَتَلَّ, standing for تَتَلَّ, offers us the curious feature of a transposition of the preformative to the place after the first radical, تَتَلَّ for تَتَلَّ. This began no doubt with the verbs which commenced with a sibilant, as in Syr. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ; ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ; and was gradually extended to all alike. The Arabic parallel to ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ is therefore أَتَتَلَّ "to search for, inspect." Curiously enough the same transposition seems to have existed in Moabitic; at least in the inscription of king Mēsha' we find four times (ll. 11, 15, 19, 32) a form ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, from the rad. ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, in the

¹ The pronunciation as a passive ܐܬܝܩܬܝܠ, Num. i. 47, ii. 33, xxvi. 62; 1 Kings xx. 27, is probably due to a misunderstanding of the Massoretes.

sense of the Heb. נָלַחַם "fight," Arab. اَلْتَحَمَ "join oneself to, adhere to," "rage" (of a battle). It is also found in Assyrian, as *ištakan* "he made," *ifitkid* "he committed" or "entrusted"; and in Himyaritic, without any prosthetic *alif*, e.g. סָמַר from סָמַר, סָתַל from סָתַל, נָדַר from נָדַר. It would appear that forms without transposition of the *i*, as well as forms corresponding to those of classical Arabic, exist in the modern dialect of Egypt. At least Spitta distinguishes carefully verbs of the form *ifsa'al* or *ifsi'il* from the corresponding forms of the intensive with double radical. According to him *ifsa'al* or *ifsi'il* is usually passive of Conj. I, as *ithabas*, *itkasar*, *itmisik*, *itfihim*; whereas the transposed *ifsa'al* is more usually reflexive than passive, as *i'tamad*, *intaṣar*, *iṣṣalah*, *iṣṣama'* ("be heard" and "obey").

2. The reflexive of the intensive and iterative is naturally *taḥattala*. This form presents itself in Arabic, تَحَتَّلَّى, and in Ethiopic, ተቀደሰ: *taḥaddsa*, "be hallowed," ተፈጸመ: *tafaṣṣma*, "be finished," ተለዘዘ: *ta'azzza*, "obey," ተፈላለ: *tafaṣṣḥa*, "rejoice" (because of the 3rd guttural). It would gradually be corrupted into اِتَّحَتَّلَّى *itḥattala*, of which we find examples even in classical Arabic, especially when the verb begins with a dental or sibilant, when assimilation takes place, as اِدْتَرَّ "wrap oneself up in a garment," اِزَيْنَ "adorn oneself," اِسْمَعَ "hear, listen," اِصْعَدَ "ascend," اِصْدَقَ "give alms," اِطِيرَ "regard as an evil omen." In this way تَنَفَّسَ would become اِتَّنَفَّسَ, and so in vulg. Arabic اِتَّعَلَّقَ *itallak*, "be suspended," اِتَّنَظَّفَ *itnaḍḍaf*, "be cleansed," or with weakening of the 3rd vowel, اِتَّعَمَّ *itammim*, "put on a turban." Here we have the origin of the Aramaic אֲתַקְמַל, Syr. ܐܬܬܩܡܠ, in Bibl. Aram. ܐܬܬܩܡܠ, as ܐܬܬܩܡܠ Ezra vii. 15,

v. 17, Dan. iv. 12, 20, 30, etc.; with weakening of the last vowel, הוֹדַמְנָתוֹן, Dan. ii. 9 (*Kkrē*); as well as of the Hebrew form הִתְקַטַּל or הִתְקַטֵּל. The assimilation of which I spoke above as occurring even in classical Arabic, is common in most of the dialects. In Arabic a word like *اَدْنَر* makes in its imperfect *يَدْنَر* for *يَدْنَر*. Just so in Ethiopic, from verbs with initial dentals and sibilants, we have in this and in the preceding conjugation, such forms as *ይጠሙ*: from *ተጠሙ*: "be dipped, baptized"; *ይጸፈን*: from *ተጸፈን*: "be covered, buried"; *ይሰበሩ*: from *ተሰበሩ*: "be broken"; *ይጻጡ*: from *ተጻጡ*: "be written"; *ይዘከሩ*: from *ተዘከሩ*: "remember"; *ይጸድቅ*: from *ተጸድቅ*: "pretend to be righteous." In Tigrīña this assimilation extends to all verbs, *ይገደፍ*: "it will be forgiven," from *ተገደፍ*., *ይሰላስ*: "he returns," from *ተሰላሰ*., *ይፈጸመ*: "it will be finished," from *ተፈጸመ*., *ይቅበል*: "he receives," from *ተቅበለ*.: Indeed the doubling caused by the assimilation of the preformative seems to have been gradually dropped in pronunciation, and these words are now pronounced *yeḡḡdaḡ*, *yeḡḡlas*, *yeḡḡsam*, *yeḡḡbal*. Hence Hebrew forms like הִדְבַּח, הִפְטִיר, הִנְבֵּא, are at once explained, as well as the similar הִכְוִיחַ. In Mandaitic and the Talmūd this assimilation is as common in both conjugations as in Tigrīña. E.g. in Mandaitic, not merely *עֲדָגָא* "were heaped up" (עֲתִדְגָא), *עֲמָאמָא* "were stopped up" (עֲתִמָאמָא), but also *מִפְתָּא* "opened" (מִתְפְּתָח), *מִיבֵיא* "wanted" (מִתְבַּעֵי), *מִיגְטִיל* "killed" (מִתְקַטֵּל); *עֲנָאמָא* "was fulfilled," *עֲכָאנָאשׁ* "was collected," (מִתְקַמֵּל); *מִיכָאֲלָא* "crowned"; in the Talmūd, *מִיבְעֵי*, *מִינְיָב*, *מִקְטִיל*, *מִיפְלָגִי* for *מִתְפְּלָגִין*, *אִיכְפָּאִי* "cover thyself" (fem.), and apparently with suppression of the doubling, *אִיעַסַּק* "he gave himself the trouble," *אִיעַלְמָא* "she hid herself," *אִיעַתְרִי* "I am become

rich." Similar phenomena occur in Samaritan; and even in Hebrew we have at least one similar instance in the word אֲרָמָם, Is. xxxiii. 10.

Yet again, the Ithpē'el and Ithpa'al forms have a peculiarity common to them in several of the dialects. This is, that when the first radical is a sibilant, the preformative is transposed and appears in the 2nd place, as is always the case with the Arabic أَفْعَلَ. Frequently too the א is changed into a ח or a ק, according to the character of the initial consonant of the root. So in Hebrew, הַשְׁחִיחַ, הַשְׁחִיחַ, but הַשְׁחִיחַ. So in Syriac, ܐܫܚܝܚܐ, ܐܫܚܝܚܐ, ܐܫܚܝܚܐ. So in Arabic, in the conj. أَصْطَبَعَ, زَادَ إِزْدَادًا, زَجَرَ إِزْجَارًا, أَفْتَعَلَ. In Arabic the assimilation of the two letters is the rule when the first radical is ث, د, ذ, or ط, and it may take place either backwards or forwards; thus from ثَارَ Lane gives أَثَارَ; from ثَرَدَ and أَثَرَدَ, "crumble bread"; from أَثَرَعَ and أَثَغَرَ, "cut the front teeth"; from دَرَعَ, دَرَعَ, "put on mail"; from دَلَجَ, دَلَجَ, "journey by night"; from ذَبَحَ and أَذَكَرَ and أَذَخَرَ, rather than أَذَكَرَ and أَذَخَرَ, but from أَظْفَرَ and أَظْفَعَ, أَظْلَمَ or أَظْلَمَ from أَظْلَمَ and أَظْلَمَ, ذَرَى and أَظْفَرَ. With initial م and ض this assimilation is far less common, as أَضْرَبَ, أَضْرَبَ, أَضْلَحَ; and with س and ز it is very rare, as أَزَانَ, أَصَمَعَ. Bearing these facts in mind, we are, I think, justified in saying that a Hebrew form

like הִנָּחַ (Is. i. 16) is assimilated from הִנָּחַ, just as the similar הִשְׁחַח (Eccles. vii. 16) stands for הִשְׁחַח, with backward assimilation. Similarly in Syriac, نَدَلْنَا for نَدَلْنَا, نَدَلْنَا for نَدَلْنَا. Here and there we find exceptions to the rule of transposition. In Aramaic the verb اَضَى exhibits the forms اِضَى (in Euting's *Nabatäische Inschriften aus Arabien*, no. 11) and اِضَى in the great Tariff of Palmyra (*Journ. Asiat.* 1883, Aug. Sept., p. 165), A.D. 137 (last year of Hadrian). The solitary Hebrew example will be spoken of below (p. 213).

3. After all that I have said about the forms اَتَنَلَّ and تَقَنَلَّ, the third member of this group requires but little notice. It is the reflexive and reciprocal of *ḥātala*, viz. *taḥātala*, which is the ordinary Arabic form, as تَرَامَى "to throw oneself down," تَمَارَضَ "to pretend to be sick," تَقَاتَلُوا "they fought with one another." So in Ethiopic, ተላላዖ፡ or ተላፀዖ፡ "to shave oneself," ተሳሰሰ፡ "to show oneself gentle to another, pardon," ተፋለጡ፡ "they parted from one another," ተሳቀዖ፡ "he was tortured, afflicted." But تَقَاتَلَّ gradually became اِتَّقَاتَلَّ, and hence such forms in classical Arabic as اِتَّأَيَّعَ "rush headlong," اِتَّأَنَلَّ "be heavy and troublesome," اِدَّارَأَ "repel one another," اِسَّاطَأَ. In the vulgar Arabic of Egypt the vowel of the 3rd syllable is weakened to *i* or to *shēva*, as *itkāmīl*, *it'ārīk* "struggled with," *it'ārādū*, *itnāsābū*. In Biblical Aramaic occurs the form אִשְׁחַח, Dan. iv. 16. In Hebrew we may regard הִנָּחַ "stagger to and fro, toss itself," Jer. xxv. 16, xlvi. 7, 8; and מָנַחַן, Is. lii. 5, for מָנַחַן, "blasphemed," as examples from the ordinary triliteral verb. From verbs ע"ע I may mention הִתְעַלַּל "perpetrate,

accomplish," Ps. cxli. 4; הִתְפַּאֵר Is. xxiv. 19; הִתְרוֹצֵץ Gen. xxv. 22; הִתְקַדֵּשׁ Zeph. ii. 1; and הִתְהוֹלֵל. And here I will notice in passing one curious Hebrew form, though it does not belong to the conjugation תִּתַּל, but to תִּתַּל. From the radical שׁוּט is derived the Pi'lēl שׁוּטוֹט, "wander about," and from this the Prophet Jeremiah has formed the Hithpa'lēl הִתְשׁוּטוֹט, in the imperat. plur. fem. הִתְשׁוּטוֹטוּ, Jer. xlix. 3. It is the solitary instance that I know in Hebrew of the ת not being transposed with an initial sibilant; and the reason probably was to avoid the sequence of three *t*'s, הִתְשׁוּטוֹטוֹטוּ.

With regard to the moods and tenses of these three conjugations, there is but little to add to what has already been said regarding the simple *kātala*, *kāttala*, and *kātala*. I will therefore merely make a remark upon the infinitives of the fifth and sixth conjugations in Arabic. As in the frequentative and iterative we found the form تَتَال, for تَتَال, though but little used, so we look here for a corresponding formation. This actually occurs in the rare تَتَال, with assimilation of the preformative vowel. Examples تَكْمَل, تَكْمَل, تَكْمَل; to which we may add such concretes as تَلْقَام "glutton," تَلْقَاع "foolish chatterer," تَكْذَاب "mendacious," and the like. A great many Hebrew and Aramaic words with prefixed *t*, especially of the form תִּתַּל, belong by their signification to this conjugation, and not to the causative or factitive תִּתַּל. Such are in Syriac, ܬܬܠܐ, ܬܬܠܐ, ܬܬܠܐ; in Hebrew, תִּתַּל, "entreaty, prayer," תִּתַּל "prayer," תִּתַּל "secret," תִּתַּל from תִּתַּל, תִּתַּל from תִּתַּל, etc. The Arabic however generally uses another form of the infinitive,

which is common to the 5th and 6th conjugations, viz. ⁵תָּקַל and ⁶תָּקַל, with *u* in the 3rd syllable. These seem to be closely connected with such Hebrew and Aramaic forms as ⁵שָׁלוּחִים, ⁶שָׁלוּחִים, Bibl. Aram. ⁵אַשְׁתָּדָר "rebellion," Mand. ⁵עַתְלָא בְּרִשְׁיָא, Talmud. ⁵אַיְמָנוּעִי, for ⁶אַיְחְמָנוּעִי, "withdraw from, abstain from." ⁵תָּקַל is almost exactly represented by the Hebrew concretes ⁵תֵּבֵלָל "having a white spot on the eye," ⁶תֵּאשָׁר "a kind of pine" or similar growing tree.

4. I pass on now to the last member of this group, the reflexive of the factitive or causative, which is represented by the 10th conjugation of the Arabic verb and the *Ettafal* of the Aramaic.

In Arabic the 10th conjugation is the reflexive or middle voice of the 4th; as ¹⁰اسْتَسَلَّمَ "to give oneself up," ¹⁰اسْتَقَامَ "to hold oneself upright, stand upright," ¹⁰اسْتَخْلَفَ "select one as a deputy for oneself," ¹⁰اسْتَغْفَرَ "ask pardon for oneself," ¹⁰اسْتَحَلَّ "deem something lawful" (for oneself to do). It is exceedingly common, and is derived, as I explained to you before, from the form *sakṭala*, by the prefixing of the syllable *ta*. This form *tasakṭala* became *itsakṭala*, and then, by the same transposition as is usual in Hebrew and Aramaic, *istakṭala*. Hence its identity with the Aramaic ¹⁰אַשְׁתַּקְטַל from ¹⁰שַׁקְטַל. It is found in Himyaritic or S. Arabian, without a prosthetic letter, *satafal* from *safal*, as ¹⁰סַתַּפַּל, ¹⁰סַתַּפִּי. It also occurs in Assyrian; as ¹⁰ultšib-šināt, "I have set them" or "made them dwell," for ¹⁰uštšib [or ¹⁰uštšib], from ¹⁰אִשַּׁב = ¹⁰יִשַּׁב; ¹⁰altabušu, "I did," for ¹⁰aštabušu, from ¹⁰עִבַּשׁ (Haupt *epēšu*). In Ethiopic we had, you may remember, three forms of the causative, ¹⁰akṭāla, ¹⁰akattāla, and ¹⁰akātāla; and so also we have three forms of the reflexive, ¹⁰astakātāla or ¹⁰astakṭāla, ¹⁰astakattāla and ¹⁰astakātāla; e.g. ¹⁰ለከተነሰ:

"to draw breath, be refreshed," אֶתְּ-נַפְּחָא: "to entreat," אֶתְּ-נַחֵם;
 "to ill-treat"; אֶתְּ-נַחֵם: "be patient," אֶתְּ-נַחֵם; "rejoice";
 אֶתְּ-נַחֵם: "compare with one another," אֶתְּ-נַחֵם: "collect."
 On its inflexion it is unnecessary to make any remarks, as it
 runs parallel to that of 'iktatala. The other causative form
 אֶתְּ-נַחֵם forms in the Aramaic dialects a reflexive and
 passive by prefixing the syllable *eth*, as in the Palmyrene tariff
 אֶתְּ-נַחֵם, from אֶתְּ, אֶתְּ. In Samaritan, Syriac and
 Mandaitic the assimilation of the *t* with the following *alif* takes
 place, e.g. אֶתְּ-נַחֵם (אֶתְּ-נַחֵם), "be found"), אֶתְּ-נַחֵם (אֶתְּ-נַחֵם)
 "be finished"), אֶתְּ-נַחֵם (אֶתְּ-נַחֵם), אֶתְּ-נַחֵם (אֶתְּ-נַחֵם),
 אֶתְּ-נַחֵם (אֶתְּ-נַחֵם).

C. *Third Group.*

Of the next group of derived conjugations the characteristic syllable is *na*.

1. The most prominent member of this group is a reflexive and passive of the simple form of the verb, in its original shape *na-katala*.

In Arabic this *naḡḡatala* became first *nəḡḡatala*, and then, with prosthetic vowel, *inḡḡatala*, اِنْتَقَلَ; as اِنْشَقَّ "to split itself, open" (of a flower); اِنْهَزَمَ "to let oneself be put to flight, to flee"; اِنْقَادَ "to let oneself be led, to be docile or submissive"; اِنْكَسَرَ "to be broken"; اِنْقَطَعَ "to be cut off, to come to an end." In Hebrew the imperfect and imperative and two infinitives follow the same mode of formation as in Arabic. The Arabic imperfect is يَنْقَلِل; the Hebrew, יִקְיֵל for יִקְיֵל, with constant assimilation of the preformative to the 1st radical. The Arabic imperative

is **اِنْقَتَلَ**, the Hebrew **הִקְטִיל**, with the usual substitution of **ה** for **א** in these preformative syllables. The Arabic infinitive is **اِنْقَتَالَ**; the corresponding Hebrew form is **הִקְטִיל** (with *ō* for *ā*), as **הִקְטִיל**, **הִקְטִיל**, beside which we have another form for the construct infinitive, viz. **הִקְטִיל**, as **הִקְטִיל**, **הִקְטִיל**. But in the formation of the perfect, the participle, and one form of the infinitive absolute, the Hebrew has taken a different line. In the perfect the Hebrew contracted the primitive *naḳaṭāl* into *naḳṭāl*, which was gradually weakened into *niḳṭāl*. The original vowel of the 1st syllable is established by such words as **נִכְבְּאָתָא**, **נִעְשָׂה**, **נִלְדָּה** (for **נִלְדָּה**), **נָסַב** (for **נִסְבַּב**), **נָסַג** (for *nāsāg*, from **נִסְגָּה**); whilst **נִחְבְּאָה**, **נִעְשְׂתָה**, exhibit an intermediate state. The infinitive absolute is now **נִקְטֹל**, for *naḳṭāl*, as **נִעְתָּוֹר** [where the original vowel of the first syllable is protected by the guttural following], **נִקְרָא**, **נִלְחָם**. The Arabic participle, formed after the analogy of the imperfect, with prefixed *m*, is **مُنْقَتِلٌ**. The Hebrew, on the contrary, has no prefix, but exhibits the same form as the perfect, with a slight difference in the vowel of the 2nd syllable. As **חָכַם** is differentiated from **חָכְם**, so is *naḳṭāl*, *niḳṭāl*, from *naḳṭāl*, *niḳṭāl*; e.g. **נִעְרַץ**, **נִחְתָּם** and **נִאָּוֹר** and **נִלְדָּה**. We shall have occasion to notice a similar participial formation hereafter in the form *ḥuṭṭāl*, as **אָכַל** "eaten," **יָלַד** "born," **לָקַח** "taken." In a very few instances we seem to find an imperative after the form *niḳṭāl* or *niḳṭēl*, viz. **נִקְבְּצוּ**, in pause **נִקְבְּצוּ**, Is. xliii. 9; Joel iv. 11; **נָלוּ** Jerem. i. 5. The Hebrew form of the Niph'al seems to extend to Phoenician and Assyrian. In Phoenician we find **נתן** as the perf. Niph'al of **יתן** "to give," which we pronounce either **נָתַן** or **נָתַן**, and also **נענש** [ש], probably **נָעַשׂ**.

In Assyrian Schrader gives such examples as *innabit* (נבת), "he fled," *innamir* (נמר), "was seen," *iššakin*, "was set up" or "restored," *iššibir*, "was broken," *ibbann*, "were created." The imperative of *iššakin* is given as *naškin*, and the participle *muššakin*; the one resembling the rare Hebrew form נִקְּבַי (mentioned above), and the other the common Arabic form مَنَقَّلَ.

In Himyaritic Halévy gives as an example the word **ሰንጠፍ**, with initial *h*.

2. Of the actual Niph'al of the Arabic and Hebrew there is no trace in Ethiopic, but a cognate form is preserved in the prefix *an*, which we find in quadriliterals, more especially reduplicated verbs of the form *kalkala*, the Hebrew *Pilpel*. The meaning of this formation in Ethiopic is not however so fixed as in Arabic and Hebrew. It generally implies motion, sometimes reflexive and reciprocal action; but sometimes too it is transitive, and admits of a passive being formed from it. Examples: **ለነሰሰዐ**: "to walk about," **ለነፈረዐ**: "to leap, dance," **ለነጉድጉድ**: "to thunder"; **ለነገለገ**: "to come together, assemble"; **ለነቀዕደዐ**: properly "to lean forward, prostrate oneself," but generally used in the sense of "lift up the eyes or heart in prayer"; **ለነሱርኩረ**: "roll" (intrans. or trans.); **ለነቀቀለ**: "totter" and "shake"; **ለነቦልዐ**: "to spread out" as a veil, which is only transitive. Dillmann explains this curious phenomenon on the supposition that the nominal forms with initial *na*, like **ነጉድጉድ**: "thunder," **ነሱርኳር**: "rolling, a whirlwind," **ነቀቀለ**: "shaking," gave rise to the notion that the prefixed **ለ** might be identical with the causative or factitive prefix **ለ**. Hence, according to him, the occasional change of meaning, and the formation in a few cases of a passive with **ተ**, e.g. **ተነሱርኩረ**: "to be rolled," **ተነቦልዐ**: "to be spread out." This view may perhaps be correct; I am not in a position to affirm or deny it. It may however be well to inform you that the Assyrian grammarians speak of forms like *iftana'al* and *istanaf'al* [Del. *iftaneal* and *ittanafal*], in which an *n* is inserted, and yet the meaning of all the examples cited by Schrader is said to be transitive¹.

¹ [Those cited by Delitzsch, p. 233, are mostly intransitive or reflexive.]

3. Another member of this group is the Hebrew *Nithpa*"*el*, chiefly post-biblical. The Biblical examples are נִפָּר Deut. xxi. 8, for נִתְּפָר, "be atoned for, forgiven," and נִסְרֹז Ezek. xxiii. 48, for נִתְּסְרֹז, "let themselves be warned." In post-biblical Hebrew it is common, and has usurped the place of the perfect Hithpa"*el*, as נִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ, נִסְתַּבֵּל, נִסְתַּמֵּן, נִסְתַּמָּה; and is then extended to other formations, as נִשְׁתַּעֲבֵד, נִתְּרַם, נִתְּלַמְּדָה "she is become a widow."

4. Lastly we may reckon here the third conjugation of the quadriliteral verb in Arabic, where the letter " is inserted after the 2nd radical; as اِبْرَنْشَقْ "to open" (of a flower), "to bloom"; اِحْرَنْجَمْ "to be gathered together in a mass or crowd"; اسْلَنْقِي "to lie on one's back"; اِئْتَنْجَرْ "to flow."

D. Fourth Group.

I will next speak briefly of a group of *reduplicated* forms. This reduplication is of different kinds, but always takes place at the end of the root, not at the beginning. The chief varieties are, to use the Hebrew terms, *Pi'lel*, *P'el'al*, and *Pilpe'l*.

1. Starting from the root *katala*, the simplest form of such a reduplication is the repetition of the 3rd radical, *katalala*. But *katalala* would naturally become *kaṭlāl*, which would be weakened in Aramaic into *kaṭlél*, and in Hebrew into *kaṭlél*. Aramaic examples are not numerous; e.g. עֲרֵבָב "mix up, confuse"; חֻצַּר "crumble," חֻצַּר "separate," חֻצַּר "practise, reduce to slavery," with its passive חֻצַּר; חֻצַּר "irritate," and חֻצַּר "to become fierce"; חֻצַּר "to be intelligent, sensible." In Hebrew this form has taken the place of Pi"*el* in verbs ע"ץ, as נִרְדָּה (better from נִרְדָּה than from נִרְדָּה), נִרְדָּה, נִרְדָּה, etc., and

forms a reflexive and passive with prefixed *ta*, הִתְפַּעֵל. In other classes of verbs it is rare, but we can refer to it שָׁמַן "to be quiet, still," Jerem. xxx. 10; Job iii. 18; רָעַן in the fem. רָעֲנָה Job xv. 33; further, with passive pronunciation, אִמַּלַּל "to be withered, wither away, mourn"; and from verbs לָה, נָאָה, contracted נֶאָה "to be seemly, beautiful"; מִתְחַיֵּקֶשֶׁת, from מִתְחַיֵּק "to shoot," and the reflexive הִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה, from שָׁחָה. As to the Arabic development of the original *ḵatalala*, it generally took the following course; *ḵatalala* became *ḵṭalala*, *ikṭalala*, and finally *ikṭalla*. This form *ikṭalla* appears in the Arabic paradigm as the 9th conj. of the verb, with the cognate *ikṭalla* as the 11th; e.g. اِرْبَاثٌ and اِرْبَاثٌ "turn away," اِرْبَاثٌ and اِرْبَاثٌ "be scattered," اِرْبَاثٌ "run quickly," اِشْعَانٌ "be dishevelled"; and constantly of colours and defects, as اِعْوَجٌ, اِعْوَجٌ "be crooked"; اِحْوَالٌ, اِحْوَالٌ "squint"; اِصْفَرٌ, اِصْفَرٌ "be yellow"; اِبْيَاضٌ, اِبْيَاضٌ "be white." The uncontracted form *ikṭalala* survives only in some examples from verbs 3rd rad. و or ي; as اِرْعَوِي "to abstain, refrain"; اِحْوَوِي "to become brownish," with its byform اِحْوَوِي; اِجْنَوِي "to stand on tiptoe." A kind of reflexive or passive, with *n* inserted after the 2nd rad., may perhaps be discerned in the rare 14th conj. of the Arabic verb, اِقْتَنَلَل for اِقْتَنَلَل; as اِحْلَنْكَ "be jet black" (حَلِك), اِعْلَنْكَ "be long and thick" (of the hair), اِقْعَنْسَس "have a hump in front" (قَعَس).

2. A stronger form of the reduplication consists in the repetition of two radicals, the 2nd and 3rd. Hence the form

kataltala, appearing occasionally in Aramaic and Hebrew as *kəṭalṭal*; e.g. סַחַרְחַר "to beat violently" (of the heart), Ps. xxxviii. 11; הִמְרִמַּר "to be red" with weeping, "to be agitated or troubled." Similar cases are Ps. xlv. 3, יִפְּיִפִּית, which should probably be read יִפְּיִפִּית; and אָהַבּוּ הִבּוּ, Hos. iv. 18, probably in the first instance a mere clerical error for אָהַבּוּ הִבּוּ, from אָהַב. Aramaic examples in derived conjugations are לִסְכַּמְכִּם "to dream," אִמְלִימִי "to imagine."

3. The form *kalkala*, Aram. *kalkəl*, Heb. *kilkəl*, is often produced by the repetition of an imitative syllable. E.g. חֲשַׁחֲשַׁח "to make things rattle or rustle," וְסוּס "to whisper," חֲמַחֲמַח "to neigh," גִּרְגֵּר "to gargle," צִפְצִף "to chirp." Very frequently it is formed in Aramaic and Hebrew from verbs ע"ע and ע"ע by repeating the two chief letters of the root; e.g. in Aramaic, חֲחַח, חֲחַח, חֲחַח; with their reflexives; in Hebrew, גִּלְגַּל, קִלְקַל, שִׁעֲשַׁע "gladden, take delight in," מִלְמִל, מוֹעֵז, דִּלְדַּל "casting"; with their reflexives and passives.

4. Under this head I will next mention what is called in the Arabic Grammars the 12th conjugation of the verb, wherein the second radical is repeated, but separated from its fellow by the introduction of the diphthong *au*. The original form was فَعْوَعَل, which became in Arabic اِفْعَوَّعَل, as اِحْدَوَّعَل "be arched or curved, hump-backed" (حَدَب), اِعْصَوَّعَل "be gathered together" (عَصَب), اِحْلَوَّعَل "be jet black" (حَلَك), اِعْرَوَّعَل "be sweet" (حَلَو), اِعْرَوَّعَل "ride on a horse barebacked" (عَرَب).

I find a few similar forms in Syriac from verbs final *o* and *u*; e.g. *ܐܠܡܝܝܬ* "to boast or brag"; *ܐܠܝܢܝܬ* "to lie down, be hidden, be blamed"; *ܐܠܡܝܬܝܬ* "become young, be smeared over." In Hebrew it can hardly be said to exist, unless we take count of *חֲצוֹצֶרֶת* "to blow the trumpet" (*מַחֲצִיזִים*), from *חֲצוֹצֶרֶת*. But the form is doubtful, the *חצ* being *מחצרים*; and even if we assume it to be correct, *חֲצוֹצֶרֶת* might stand for *חֲצוֹצֶרֶת*, as *עֲזָרָה* in Is. xv. 5, if correct, stands for *עֲזָרָה*.

5. The reduplication of the form *ḵatalala* or *ḵatlala* seems in some cases to have been softened into *ḵatlaya*, which would be represented in Arabic by *ḵatlā* *قَتَلَى*, and in Aramaic by *ܕܬܠܝ*. Such words are in Mandaitic *ܢܐܡܝܬܐ* "to bewail," *ܢܐܡܝܬܐ* "to make an alien, estrange"; in Syr. *ܬܠܝܬ* "terrify," *ܬܠܝܬ* "estrangle," *ܬܠܝܬ* "be deprived of, fail, perish," *ܬܠܝܬ* "expose," *ܬܠܝܬ* "deport," with their passives. In Arabic a passive of this form is found in the 15th conj. of the verb, *اِنْعَلَى*, with *n* inserted after the 2nd rad.; as *اِحْبَنْطَى* "to be swollen or inflated" (*حَبَطَ*), *اِعْلَنْدَى* "be stout and strong" (*عَلَدَ* "be hard"). Curiously enough, a few verbs of this form in Arabic have a transitive sense, e.g. *اِسْرَنْدَى* "to overcome" (*سَرَنْدَى* "strong, brave"), *اِغْرَنْدَى* "to assail, overcome"; and, still more strangely, the only Mandaitic parallel, *ܥܘܪܐܡܝܬܐ*, "to be shaken," is derived from an active *ܘܪܐܡܝܬܐ*, which however does not occur in the extant literature.

E. *The Passive Forms.*

Lastly, in this enumeration of the verbal forms or conjugations, I would call your attention to the real passives, as distinguished from the reflexives and effectives, which so often discharge the functions of passives.

In Arabic nearly all the conjugations are capable of forming, and actually form, passives by means of internal modification of the vowels of the active voice. There are of course exceptions, which will readily suggest themselves to you. For instance, a verb like *صَلَحَ* "to be good *or* right," *فَرَحَ* "to be glad," or *ثَقَلَ* "to be heavy," cannot have a passive; nor one like *أَسْوَدَّ*, *أَسْوَدَّ*, "to be black." The vowel-change in the passive voice consists, generally speaking, in the substitution of duller sounds for the clearer ones of the active, the vowel *u* almost always playing a prominent part.

In the other Semitic languages the use of these real passives is far less frequent. In Hebrew the largest survival is found; much less in Aramaic. In Ethiopic they have, to all appearance, utterly vanished. In Assyrian Sayce states that "a passive formed by means of the obscure vowel *u*" exists for Pa'ēl, Shaph'ēl, Aph'ēl, and Istaph'al; but I do not find that he is supported by Schrader or Oppert. From my own knowledge I cannot speak¹.

1. In Arabic the following are the principal passives :

Perfect.		Imperfect.	
(1) <i>ḵatala</i>	<i>ḵutīla</i>	<i>yāḵtulu</i>	<i>yūḵtalu</i>
(2) <i>ḵattala</i>	<i>ḵuttila</i>	<i>yūḵattilu</i>	<i>yūḵattalu</i>
(3) <i>ḵāḵtala</i>	<i>ḵūḵtīla</i>	<i>yūḵāḵtilu</i>	<i>yūḵāḵtalu</i>
(4) <i>'aḵtala</i>	<i>'uḵtīla</i>	<i>yūḵtilu</i>	<i>yūḵtalu</i>
(5) <i>taḵattala</i>	<i>tuḵuttila</i>	<i>yataḵattalu</i>	<i>yutaḵattalu</i>
(6) <i>taḵāḵtala</i>	<i>tuḵūḵtīla</i>	<i>yataḵāḵtalu</i>	<i>yutaḵāḵtalu</i>
[(7) <i>inḵatala</i>	<i>unḵutīla</i>	<i>yanḵatilu</i>	<i>yunḵatalu</i>]
(8) <i>iḵtatala</i>	<i>uḵtutīla</i>	<i>yāḵtatilu</i>	<i>yūḵtatalu</i>
(10) <i>istaḵtala</i>	<i>ustuḵtīla</i>	<i>yastaḵtilu</i>	<i>yustaḵtalu</i>

¹ [According to Delitzsch, p. 249, the permansives II. 1 and III. 1 (Pa'ēl and Shaph'ēl) may be used either in active or passive sense, but without difference of form.]

2. In Hebrew the formation is similar, but not identical, the vowel *a* predominating throughout in the second syllable. The passives in use are:—

(a) Intensive and iterative, *kuttal*, *kottal*, imperf. *yĕkuttal*. The infin. absolute has the form קטל, as קטל, Gen. xl. 15. The participle appears in two shapes, the one with prefixed *m*, *mĕkuttāl*; the other without it, as אכל, ילד, לקח, הלל, Ezek. xxvi. 17. And here it is curious to remark in what different ways the several Semitic languages have made use of the materials at their disposal. The Hebrew infinitive קטל stands for *kuttāl*; but the corresponding form in Aramaic is a verbal noun from the active Pa“ēl, e.g. סנא “theft,” וסנא “warning,” סמא “finishing”; whilst the Arabic *kuttāl* is now the plural of the active participle of the simple verb *katala*, as *kātīl*, a “murderer,” *kuttāl*, “murderers.” So again, the Hebrew participle אכל stands for *’ukkāl*, a sing. masc.; whereas the corresponding form in Arabic is another plural of the active participle of the simple *katala*, as *sāgid*, “worshipper,” *sūggad*, “worshippers.”

(b) The form expressive of effort, *kōtal*, imperf. *yĕkōtal*, as ישיש, Job xxxi. 8.

(c) The causative or factitive, *hoktal*, *huktal*, imperf. *yoktal*.

Other forms are comparatively rare, but I may mention:—

(d) *Hothkatal*, in the form הִתְפַּקְדוּ, Num. i. 47, ii. 33, xxvi. 62; 1 Kings xx. 27; instead of הִתְפַּקְדוּ.

(e) *Hothkattal*, in the form הִתְפַּמְּאָה, Deut. xxiv. 4; הִתְפַּשְּׁנָה, for הִתְפַּשְּׁנָה, Is. xxxiv. 6; הִתְפַּשְּׁנָה infinitive, Levit. xiii. 55, 56.

In these two cases, if correctly pointed, observe that the Hebrew changes only the vowel of the preformative syllable; whereas in Arabic it is the vowel of the first radical syllable that is modified, and that of the preformative is assimilated to it.

Compare اُنْقَدِرْ with הִתְפַּקְדוּ, or تَتَبَّعْ with הִתְפַּשְּׁנָה.

(f) A curious form is presented to us in the Hebrew נִגְאַל, Is. lix. 3; Lament. iv. 14. This is generally explained as a passive of Niph'al, נִגְאַלָה, Zeph. iii. 1. I should rather be inclined to regard it as a quasi-Niph'al formation from the Pi'el נִגַּל, Pu'al נִגְאַל. If you adopt the former view, you must regard נִגְאַל as = אֶנְעֹלָא; if the latter, I can produce a parallel from the vulgar Arabic of Egypt, viz. انْصَبَّ "it is lost, forfeited"

(Spitta, *Contes Arabes*, p. 9, l. 10), from ضَبَّ "to lose, forfeit." Here again perhaps the Massoretic punctuation may be erroneous (נִגְאַלָה).

(g) *Kuḥlal*, in אֶמְלַל.

(h) *Kolḥal*, in כָּלְכָל, 1 Kings xx. 27, and חֲשַׁעְשַׁעוּ, Is. lxvi. 12.

3. Of the Aramaic passive the chief traces are the following.

(a) The passive of *Pa'al*, in a form which appears at first to be that of the passive participle *Pa'al*, and is accordingly generally so treated, even by Kautzsch. In my opinion, however, the verbal flexion of this form forbids us to regard it as a participle, and Noeldeke is right in adopting the other view. The form was originally *kuḥl*, but the weight of the accent produced a lengthening of the vowel of the 2nd syllable, whilst that of the 1st syllable was weakened in the regular verb to simple *shēvā*: טָרִיד Dan. iv. 30, יָהִיב Dan. vii. 4, 6, בָּתִּיב Ezra v. 7, קָטִיל Dan. v. 30, רָשִׁים Dan. v. 24, שָׁלֵם Ezra v. 16; 3rd fem. בָּטִילַת Ezra iv. 24, יָהִיבַת Dan. vii. 27, נָטִילַת Dan. vii. 4, פָּרִיסַת Dan. v. 28, קָטִילַת Dan. vii. 11; 2nd sing. masc. חֲקָלְתָּ Dan. v. 27; 3rd plur. masc. יָהִיבוּ Ezra v. 15, נָפְתּוּ Dan. iii. 21, טָרִידוּ Dan. vii. 4, פָּתִיחוּ Dan. vii. 10. The distinction of form is clearer in the case of verbs לֵא, where the

perfect passive is גָּלַי Dan. ii. 19, גָּלַי Dan. ii. 30, קָרַי Ezra iv. 18, 23; plur. רָמְיוֹ Dan. iii. 21, vii. 9; whereas the form of the participle Pē'īl is בָּנֶה, מֵנֵה, קָרִי, שָׂרֵה, plur. שָׂרִין. Similarly in the Palmyrene tariff, גְּבִי = Arab. جَبِي; see Sachau in *ZDMG.* xxxvii. pp. 564—5.

(b) The passive of *Hiph'il*, viz. *Hoph'al*, in Biblical Aramaic and the Palmyrene dialect, viz. הִנָּחַת Dan. v. 20, הִזְכֵּר Dan. vii. 11, הִפֵּק Dan. vi. 24, הִעֵל Dan. v. 13, plur. הִעְלֹו Dan. v. 15; fem. sing. הִחְרַבְתָּ Ezra iv. 15, הִוְסַפְתָּ לִי Dan. iv. 33, הִקִּימְתָּ Dan. vii. 4 (cf. أُقِيمْتُ); 1st pers. הִתְקַנַּנְתָּ (not הִנַּחְתָּ) Dan. iv. 33.

Very peculiar are the forms הִיחִיַּת Dan. vi. 18, and הִיחִיַּי Dan. iii. 13, the vocalisation of the 1st syllable of which is as yet unexplained. Similarly in the Palmyrene tariff, אִשַּׁר (from אִשַּׁר), e.g. וּמְדִי אִשַּׁר לֵאנֹרָה; imperfect יִכְתֵּב, e.g. וּיִכְתֵּב מְרַעַם דִּי לֹא מִפֶּק; part. מִפֶּק, e.g. וּיְהוּא מְבַטֵּל לֵאדְכֹנְיָא דִּי הָוֵן בֹּזֵן; מְבַטֵּל; מִסַּק בְּנוֹסָא מְדִי יְהוּא מְ[תֹאעֵל] בֵּר מִן תְּחֹמָא אוּ מִפֶּק, e.g. מִפֶּק; וּבֵן מִאֶפֶק.

(c) The passive of *Pi'il*, viz. *Pu'al*, in the Palmyrene tariff, יִזְבֵּן, e.g. יִזְבֵּן לְמִשְׁכָּא אֶפְרִין.

(d) The passive participles of *Pa'il*, *Aph'il* and *Shaph'il*, formed exactly as in Arabic. Thus in Biblical Aramaic מְהִלָּךְ, מְמַלָּל, but מְכַפְּתִין "bound," Dan. iii. 23, 24, from מְכַפֵּת; מְסַתְּרָתָא "hidden things," Dan. ii. 22, from מְסַתֵּר; מְהַחְצֵפָה Dan. v. 19, and מְהַחְצֵפָה Ezra iv. 15, but מְהַחְצֵפָה Dan. ii. 15, or מְהַחְצֵפָה Dan. iii. 22, from מְהַחְצֵף. Also from *Psh'al*, מְסֻבְּלִין "set up, erected," Ezra vi. 3, from מְסֻבֵּל.

Exactly so in Syriac, *ܡܠܬܬܐ*, *ܡܠܬܬܐ*; *ܡܠܬܐ*, *ܡܠܬܐ*; *ܡܠܬܐ*, *ܡܠܬܐ*; and in Mandaitic, *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "blessing," *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "blessed"; *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "covering," *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "covered"; *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "teaching," *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "taught," *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "bringing out," *ܡܢܐܪܝܚ* "brought out." The corresponding Arabic forms are *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*; *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*; *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*; *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*; *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*; *مَمْلَأَ*, *مَمْلَأَ*.

(e) The existence of passive participles of Pa"el and Aph'el after the *Hebrew* formation is not certain in Mandaitic, but Noeldeke gives for the Pa"el the possible instances of *ܡܠܝܐ*, "the highlands," for *ܡܠܝܐ*, and *ܡܠܝܐ*, a name of Paradise, lit. "the taken away of righteousness," i.e. "the (land) of righteousness that has been taken away," = *ܡܠܝܐ*. On the other hand, the existence of Pu'al and Hoph'al participles in modern Syriac seems tolerably certain. For example, in Pu'al, *ܡܠܝܐ* "I have healed thee," is literally *ܡܠܝܐ* "thou hast been healed by me," the fem. being *ܡܠܝܐ*, for *ܡܠܝܐ*. So also in Pu'al, *ܡܠܝܐ*, *ܡܠܝܐ*, for *ܡܠܝܐ*, for *ܡܠܝܐ*; in Hoph'al, *ܡܠܝܐ* "raised up," *ܡܠܝܐ* "exalted"; with weakening of the vowel in the 2nd syllable.

CHAPTER IX.

THE IRREGULAR VERBS.

I NOW proceed, with the Hebrew Grammar in hand, to explain to you the principal forms of the Irregular Verbs, comparing them, as before, with the corresponding forms in Arabic and Syriac, and more rarely in other dialects.

I. Verbs *y'y* or *Geminate Verbs*.

I begin with the verbs *y'y*, or, as they are called in Arabic Grammars, the *doubled* or *geminate verbs* or the *solid verbs*. The peculiarity here is the contraction of the trisyllabic root into a disyllable by the rejection of the vowel of the second radical or some other modification.

In classical Arabic the rules of contraction are few and simple.

(a) If all three radicals have vowels, the 2nd radical loses its vowel, and unites with the 3rd, so as to form a double letter.

Hence سَبَّ, "to cause," becomes سَبَّ; مَسَسَ "to touch,"

حَبَّبَ "to become dear" (to one), حَبَّبَ. The original

form may be retained in poetry, for the sake of the metre, as ضَنُّوا for ضَنُّوا, "they are stingy"; and in some verbs of the

forms فَعَلَ and فَعَّلَ the contraction does not take place, as صَكَكَ

"to be knock-kneed," لَحِجَّ "to be sore" (of the eyes), لَبَّبَ "to

be wise," دَمَّمَ "to be ugly." Vulg. Arab., *madd*, 'add, *zann*.

(b) If the first radical has no vowel, and the 2nd and 3rd have, then the 2nd radical throws back its vowel on the 1st, and unites with the 3rd, so as to form a double letter. Hence **يَسْبَبُ** becomes **يَسِبُ**; **يَمْسَسُ**, **يَمْسُ**; **يَفْرِرُ**, **يَفِرُ**. The original forms may be used by poetic license, as **يَحْلَلُ** for **يَحْلُلُ**. Vulg. Arab., *yeẓunn*, *ye'idd*, *yiṣāḥḥ*.

(c) If the 3rd radical is vowelless, no contraction, generally speaking, takes place. The forms in ordinary use are **سَبَبْتُ**, **حَبَبْتُ**, **مَسَسْتُ**.

(d) Forms that might by rule remain uncontracted are sometimes contracted in different ways. For example, the jussive of **سَبَّ** is **يَسْبَبْ**, and the imperative **اَسْبَبْ**; but both are usually contracted, with the help of a supplementary vowel, into **يَسِبْ** and **سِبْ**. Vulg. Arab., *ẓunn*, 'idd.

Bearing these rules in mind, we may proceed to compare the Arabic forms with those of the Hebrew and Syriac, using chiefly as our paradigms **רָבַד**, **סַבַּב**, and **בָּזַז**.

Kal. Here the uncontracted forms are relatively far more common in Hebrew than in Arabic, as **סַבַּב**, **סָרַר**, **חָנַן**, **חָלַל**, fem. **נִדְרָה**, plur. **נִדְרוֹ**, **שָׁחַח**, **סָבַב**, **סָבַבְנִי**. The contracted 3rd sing. masc. **סַבַּ** and **בָּזַ** stand for *sabb* and *bazz*, and these for *sabba* and *bazza*, *sababa* and *bazaza*, like **רָבַד** for **רָבַדָּ**. Add a suffix, and the doubling immediately becomes audible, **קָבַה**, **חִנְנִי**, for *kabba-hu*; Aram. **קָבַב**; like Arabic **رَدَدْنِي**. In the same way in the 3rd pers. plur. **סָבַבוּ**, **חָמְמוּ**, J. Aram. **דָּקְנוּ**, Syr. **لُصַם**, for *sababū*, *tamamū*, *daḳaḳū*, as in Arabic **رَدَدُوا** for **رَدَدُوا**. The retention of the tone on the 1st syllable is in accordance with

the primitive accent, but it is often shifted to the last syllable, as רָפוּ, רָפוּ. The real existence of forms like רָפוּ, Gen. xlix. 23, and רָפוּ, Job xxiv. 24, is somewhat doubtful; but if genuine, they would find their analogy in the Arabic forms of praise and blame, حَبَّ for حَبَّبَ, حَسَنَ for حَسَّنَ, and بَعَدَ for بَعَّدَ. In the 3rd p. fem. sing., Syr. حَزَلْ stands for *baszath* (Bibl. Aram. נָחַת, עָלָת, Mand. שאראת, פאסאאת, *basasat*; and similarly סָבַח, for *sabbath, sababat*, as رَدَّتْ for رَدَدَتْ. The primitive accent is often retained, as in מָרָה, חָתָה, but may be shifted, as in וּרְפָה, Is. vi. 12. In the 1st and 2nd persons, the normal form is the uncontracted Arabic رَدَدْنَا, رَدَدْتَ, رَدَدَتْ, which we find in Hebrew only in the forms וּמָמַתִּי, Zech. viii. 14, 15; פָּוִזוּנִי, Deut. ii. 35. But these forms may be altered in two ways even in Arabic. Firstly, the 2nd radical may be dropped, and its vowel go with it, or it may be transferred to the 1st radical; as رَدَّتْ for رَدَدَتْ, ظَلَّتْ or ظَلَّتْ for ظَلَلَتْ, مَسَّتْ for مَسَسَتْ. So in Aramaic حَزَلْ, حَزَلَفْ, حَزَنَ, for *basasta, basastôn, basasnan*. So in Hebrew תָּמַנְנִי for *tamamnû*, Num. xvii. 28. The 1st pers. sing., however, in Aramaic, is רָקַת, Mand. פֶּאסִית, Syr. حَزَلْ for *baszath, baszit, baszisti*. Secondly, the 3rd radical may coalesce in the usual way with the second, and to make the doubling audible a vowel-sound may be inserted after it. This vowel-sound seems to have been that of the diphthong *au* or *ai*, which was favoured by the corresponding forms of the verbs 3rd ر and ي, as رَدَدَتْ, رَمَيْتْ. More probably however it was *ai*, which is far more frequent in the language than *au*, occurring alone for instance in all the

derived conjugations. Hence *רָדַת* would become (through the impossible *raddta*) *raddaita*, and this is the ordinary form at the present day, *raddait*, *raddit*, and in Algiers *raddit*. We have seen, however, that the diphthong *ai* passed in some cases into *d*; for instance, Arab. *أَيْنَ*, Heb. *אֵן*, *אָנָה*; *פָּתִים*, from *פִּית*, *בֵּית*, from *בִּבְרִי* or *בִּבְרִי*; and in Arabic itself *نَوَابَة* for *نَوَيْبَة*, dimin. of *دَابَة*. Hence out of *رَدִית* sprang the form *רָדַת*, the dialectical existence of which is vouched for by the grammarians; and hence the Hebrew *שַׁבָּתִי*, *חַגָּתִי*, *שַׁבָּתִי*, for *sabbati*, *sabatti*. Of course the Hebrew *š* in these forms might be as readily derived from an original *au*, but we have no evidence of the existence of a form *raddauta*, whereas *raddaita* is a known dialectical variety of *raddaita*.

The infinitive construct in Hebrew exhibits two forms: uncontracted, *לְחַנֵּכְךָ*, *לְסַבֵּב*, far more rarely with *a*, *לְחַנֵּכְךָ*, Is. xxx. 18, *לְחַנֵּנָה*, Ps. cii. 14; and contracted, *חַנֵּךְ*, *סַבֵּךְ*, far more rarely with *a*, *חַנֵּךְ*, Is. xlv. 1, *שַׁבֵּךְ*, Jerem. v. 26. These are, of course, nothing but segolates of the same form as the Arabic *رَدَّ*, *رَدَّ*.

The Arabic imperative presents to us, as I explained above, the forms *رَدِّ*, *رَدِّ*, *رَدِّ*. These are exactly equivalent to the Hebrew *סַבֵּךְ*, *חַנֵּךְ*, perhaps also *חַנֵּךְ*, Ps. cxix. 22; in Aramaic, *רַק*, Mand. *רַק* "wash," *רַק* "dwell"; Syr. *رَدِّ*, *رَدِّ* (from *رَدِّ*). An example of the uncontracted form is *שַׁבֵּךְ*, Jerem. xlix. 28, corresponding to an Arabic *رَدِّ* for *رَدِّ*.

The Arabic imperfect has, as I explained to you, the forms

יִמְסֻ, יִפְּרֻ, יִרְדּוּ. The first of these is reproduced exactly in the Hebrew יִסְבּוּ for *yasubb*, *yasubbu*, *yasubbu*, with suffix יִסְבְּנִי, plural, יִסְבּוּ for *yasubbū*, *yasubbūna*. This *š* has rarely been weakened into *n*, but we find examples in יִרְדּוּ Is. xlii. 4, יִשְׁדּוּ Prov. xxix. 6, יִשְׁדּוּ Ps. xci. 6. These may not improbably have been influenced by the imperfect of verbs ע"ו, as in Mand., where נִימֹךְ (from מאך) is identical with נִיקֹם from קאם, and conversely נִירְדּוּ "dwells," נִינְאֵר "commits adultery," cannot be distinguished from נִירְדּוּ "be hot," תִּירְדּוּ "desirest." In intransitives like the Arabic يَمْسُ, يَمْسُ, where the characteristic vowel of the imperfect is *a*, the Hebrew no longer maintains the ancient *yakḥal*, but employs the more recent *yikḥal*. Thus the imperfect of מַר is not יִמַר but יִמְרַ, for *yimrar*, *yamrar*. So יִרְעַ, יִרְדַּ, and a few more. In 1 Kings i. 1 the form is pointed יִחַם instead of יִחַם. The reason of this deviation from the form with *a* in the first syllable probably was that יִמַר, יִרְדַּ, יִרְעַ, too closely resembled in their vocalisation that of the *perfect*. Indeed יִמַר, יִרְדַּ, and יִרְעַ, rightly appear as verbal roots in our lexicons. This has not however prevented the substitution of the form יִמְרַ for יִמַר in Gen. xi. 6, because the singular must actually have been יִמַר, not יִמַר. In the fem. plur. תִּסְבְּנִי, תִּפְּרְנִי, the diphthong *ai* has again been inserted to facilitate the pronunciation of the contracted forms, which stand respectively for *tasubbua* and *tašlilua*, the intermediate steps being *tasubbua*, *tašillua*, then *tasubbaia*, *tašillaina*.

The Aramaic dialects go their own way in the formation of the imperfect and infinitive. They throw back the lost doubling of the 2nd and 3rd radicals upon the 1st. Hence יִדְּכּוּ, נִבְּזּוּ, נִבְּזּוּ, for *yidukḥu*, *uḇbuz*, etc., from *yadukḥu*, *uabuzzu*; and in the infinitive, מִדְּכּוּ, מִבְּזּוּ, for *midḥak*, *mebzaz*. The

Hebrew also has this form in such words as יָקַד; יָדַמוּ, יָדַם; יָקַדוּ, יָקַדוּ; יָדַמוּ, יָדַם; תַּצְלִלְנָה, Jerem. xix. 3, for תַּצְלִלְנָה; and so forth.

The participle active has in Hebrew the uncontracted form חֹנֵן, חֹנֵג, חֹנֵן, whereas in Arabic the contraction is prevalent, حَالٌّ, حَالٌ, and the uncontracted حَالٌ occurs as a rare poetic license. In vulg. Arab. however the uncontracted حَاجِب is common in the masc. sing., whereas in the fem. sing. and in the plur. masc. and fem. the contracted form is more usual. In Syriac the form has been influenced by that of verbs עָו. The sing. masc. is therefore כָּוֹן, כָּוֵן, like כָּוֵן, but the fem. sing. and the plurals are regular, כָּוֵן, כָּוֵן, כָּוֵן, for 'alilat, 'aliltu, 'aliltu'. In Bibl. Aram. we find the uncontracted plur. עֲלִילִין, 'aliltu'. In Dan. iv. 5, v. 8, as *Kethubbh*, the *Kēre* being עֲלִין, as also in Samarit. עֲלִיל, עֲלִיל.

Let us now glance rapidly at the derived conjugations.

Niphal. Here the chief peculiarity in Hebrew is the pure vowel of the 1st syllable, נָסַב, נָחַר, נָקַל, for *nasabb*, *naharr*, *nakall*, from *nasbab*, *nahrar*, *naklal*. Curiously enough, however, we find here the intransitive vowels of the *Kal* also used in the 2nd syllable; e.g. נָסַב, נָקַל, נָחַר; and so in the fem., נִשְׁבַּח, נִשְׁכַּח, but נִשְׁבַּח; and in the plur., נִשְׁבַּחוּ, נִשְׁכַּחוּ, but also נִשְׁבַּחוּ. This seems due to the resemblance of נָסַב to the ordinary *Kal* נָשַׁב, whence the same variations that were admissible in the one came in course of time to be thought allowable in the other. Others think that the *o* forms are due to the influence of verbs עָו. There is a fourth form, which altogether gives up the

¹ A possible instance of this Aramaic form in Hebrew is נִשְׁכַּח, Jerem. xxx. 16 (*Kethubbh*), if we derive it from נִשְׁכַּח = נִשְׁכַּח, the sing. being נִשְׁכַּח for נִשְׁכַּח.

² עֲלִיל occurs also in Palmyrene; in Palestinian Syriac both עֲלִיל and עֲלִיל "suffering" are found: the former word makes its plural עֲלִילִין.]

doubling and inflects exactly like the *Kal* of נָגַשׁ, for the same reason as the first three; e.g. נָגַשׁ, נִגְבָּקָה, נִסְבָּה. A fifth form resembles the ordinary Niph'al in the vowel of the first syllable, as נָחַל, נָחַת, נָחַר, and gives the plur. נִחְלוּ, נִחְרוּ; participp. נֹחֵלִים, נֹחֲרִים. This seems to be a secondary formation from נָגַשׁ, after the fashion of Niph'al נָגַשׁ from *Kal* נָגַשׁ. — Of the 2nd person examples are very rare; but we find נִמְלִיכָם side by side with נִמְלִיכָם and נִחְלִיכָם. — Similarly in the first person we have נִקְלֹחִי, with the plur. נִשְׁדָּנוּ, Micah ii. 4, where the supplementary vowel *o* has been weakened into *a*. — For the sake of comparison with the above I need only mention the Arabic forms اِنْجَرَّ for *ingarara*; 2nd pers. اَنْجَرَّتْ, uncontracted. — In the imperfect, the ordinary form is يَسَبُّ, for *yissabb*, by assimilation and contraction for *yansabib*; as يَمَرُّ, يَمَرُّ. The uncontracted form occurs in يَلْبَبُّ, Job xi. 12. The corresponding plural naturally exhibits the double letter, يَمَرُّو, contracted for *yansabibū(na)*, *yanmadidū(na)*. Such words as يَرُو, Prov. xi. 15, xiii. 20, and يَرُو, Ezek. xxix. 7, follow the analogy of verbs ע"ו. In Arabic, for the sake of comparison, take يَنْجَرُّ for *yanjarra*, plur. يَنْجَرُونَ.

Hiph'il. In the perfect the Arabic form is اَجَرَ for *ajarra*, 2nd pers. اَجَرَّتْ. Contractions like اَحْسَت and اَحْسَيْت, for اَحْسَسْتُ, are very rare in the classical language. The Hebrew follows the form *hikṭal* or *hikṭil* instead of *hakṭal*; e.g. הִקַּח, הִחַל, הִסַּב, הִקַּח, which stand for *hēḏakḳ*, *hēṣēbb*, etc., by contraction for *hidḳak*, *hisēbb*. The uncontracted form in its latest stage appears in הִלִּיל, הִרְנִין, which never undergo contraction (also in Syriac ܠܝܠ, Mand. ܠܝܠܝܠ), and in the participle

מִשְׁמִים, Ezek. iii. 15. The fem. sing. and plur. actually exhibit the doubling הִחֲלָה, הִחֲלִי, הִחֲלִי, הִחֲלִי. The 2nd pers. usually has the form הִרְעָתָה (הִחֲלִיתָ). The original 1st pers. *hakaltti* occurs in all its purity in הִחֲלִיתִי, Jerem. xlix. 37; and a modification of the 2nd pers. in הִחֲלִיתָ and הִפְרִיתָ, for *hithlalta* and *hiphrarta*.—In the imperfect the Arabic form is يَجْرُر for يَجْرُر. The Hebrew preserves a purer vowel in the 1st syllable, יָסַב for *yāsēbb*, contracted from *yasbēb* for *yasbibu*, יָסַב; plur. יָסַב for *yahililū(na)*.

In the Aramaic dialects the doubling is thrown back upon the 1st radical, as in the imperfect Pē'al, whence arise the forms נָצַב, יָדַק, אָבַן, for הִדְקַן, אָבַן, impf. הָעַל, הִדְקַן. To these correspond such Hebrew imperfects as יָסַב, יָסַב. The plural however has two formations, one of which retains the doubling of the 2nd radical, whilst the other is purely Aramaic in dropping it. The former is exemplified by וַיִּסְבּוּ, the latter by וַיִּכְתּוּ, Deut. i. 44.

The passive is in Arabic أُجِرَّ for أُجِرَّ, 2nd pers. أُجِرَّت, impf. يَجْرُر for يَجْرُر. The Hebrew form הוֹסַב stands for *hus-bab*, but has been influenced by the corresponding form of verbs הוֹחֵל, הוֹחֵל, fem. הוֹחֵל. In the imperfect we find a treble formation, as in the Hiph'il, there being forms (1) like יָדַק, in pause for יָדַק, resembling יָסַב; (2) like יָכַת, plur. יָכַת, resembling יָסַב, plur. יָסַב; and (3) like הִמְכּוּ, Job xxiv. 24; יָחֲקוּ, in pause for יָחֲקוּ, Job xix. 23, resembling the Aramaic הִדְקַן and הִדְקַן.

II. A. Verbs of which the 1st radical is w or y.

Of these the former, פִּי, are by far the more common in the

Semitic languages. The number of verbs first *y* in Arabic and Ethiopic is very small indeed; in Hebrew and Syriac it appears to be larger, but this phenomenon is due to a peculiar change which verbs first *w* undergo in these two languages.

1. The normal form of verbs first *w* in the perfect of the first or simple form is that of the Arabic, وَعَدَ, وَعَظَ, وَدَعَ. Similarly in Ethiopic, ወለደ: ወረከ: ወረደ: ወፀለ: ወዐዖ: . The only example that I remember in Ethiopic of the change of *w* into *y* is in ለደደዐ: "to make known," the causative of an unused የደደዐ: Heb. יָדַע. The corresponding Arabic verb is وَدَعَ "to put, place, store up, deposit"; what we "know" is that which we have "placed" or "stored up" in the mind for use¹. In Hebrew the initial *w* almost invariably passes into *y*, unless protected by a preceding consonant; hence יָדַע, יָעַן, יָעַד, יָלַד, יָצָא, יָרַד, יָרַשׁ, יָנַע, יָנַר. The same remark applies to the Aramaic; e.g. in Biblical Aramaic, יָדַע, יָהַב, further יָקַד, יָקַר, יָקַר, יָרַת. But the later Aramaic dialects vocalise this י, and turn it into a simple vowel *i*. Hence in Syriac, يَضَّ, يَضَمَّ, يَضَلَّ, يَضُفَّ, which are commonly written in the oldest MSS. with prefixed *aleph*, اَضَّ, اَضَمَّ, اَضَلَّ, اَضَفَّ, etc.; and in Mandaitic, עתאר, עקאר or עקיד. The verb יָהַב, Mand. עדאב, also occurs in Syriac as بَسَّ, but the more common form is بَسَك, which appears in the Talmūd Yērūshalmī as יב, in which form the ה is elided and its vowel

¹ [The explanation of יָדַע, "know," from the Arabic وَدَعَ is due to Schultens but has not found general acceptance. The first radical of the verb "to know" is י not only in Hebrew, Aramaic and Ethiopic, but also in Sabaeen, and perhaps in Assyrian (see Delitzsch, *Assyr. Gramm.* p. 308). The verb therefore is now generally taken to be true יד. Even in Arabic, as Nöldeke observes, there is a trace of a root يَدَع distinct from وَدَعَ (أَيَدَع). The forms with ו after a prefix (הוֹדַע, הוֹדַע etc.) are to be explained in the same way as הוֹבִישׁ, *infra*, p. 242.]

thrown back on the initial letter. The Assyrian exhibits a further modification of the ground-form, since, according to the grammarians, the initial syllable is written with א, אשׁב for ישב, אצא for יצי, ארר for ירר. There is nothing antecedently improbable in this change of sound, since in Syriac we find these sounds confounded in *ܝܒܪ* compared with *ܐܝܒܪ*, *ܝܬܝܒ* compared with *ܐܝܬܝܒ*, whilst in Arabic we have *أَرخ* from *وَرخ*. In Arabic every initial *w* may be pronounced with hamza, if accompanied by the vowel *i* or *u* (but not *a*); e.g. one may say *وَحِي* for *أَحِي*, *وَقَت* for *أَقَت*, *وِسَادَة* for *إِسَادَة*, *وِشَاح* for *إِشَاح* (but not *وَقَت* for *أَقَت*).

In the imperfect indicative of the first form the Ethiopic retains the *w*, *ወልድ*: *ወረከ*; with the exception of *ወሰብ*: (= *ወሰውብ*) from *ወሰበ*: (by transposition for *ወሰላብ*). In the subjunctive the *w* is occasionally retained, as in *ወገር*: "throw, pelt," *ወቅሠ*; or *ወቀሠ*: "argue, go to law," *ወከድ*: "lead, carry," *ወገላ*: "butt"; but ordinarily the *ወ* is rejected, and the subjunctive appears as *ከድ*: or *ሰድ*: *ሰድ*: *ረከ*: *ደር*: *ሀብ*: *ዳላ*:: This rejection of the initial *w* is the rule in Arabic with all verbs which have *i* as the characteristic vowel of the imperfect, and with a few that have *a*; e.g. *وَرثَ*: *يَرِثُ*, *وَعَدَ*: *يَلِدُ*, *وَلَدَ*. But the *w* is retained when the characteristic vowel is *u*, and generally when it is *a*; e.g. *يُورِثُ*, *يُورِدُ* (for *يُودِدُ*); *يُوجِعُ*, *يُوجِرُ*; *يُوضِعُ*, *يُوضِرُ* "have murrain"; *يُوضِعُ*, *يُوضِرُ* "be clean and fair." There are, however, some interesting dialectical varieties, which I must notice. Firstly, initial *w* passes into *y*, yielding the forms *يَبْجَلُ*, *يَبْجَعُ*, *يَبْجَمُ* "make mistake." Next, the sound of the *a* in this diphthong prevails over the other element, and the forms pass into *يَاجَلُ*,

יָאֲחַע. Thirdly, the vowel of the first syllable may be weakened into *i*, and give us the forms יִיֲחַע, יִיֲכַל.

Lastly, the vulgar forms of the present day are יוֹחַע, יוֹכַל, instead of יִחַע, יִכַח, יִכַח, יִכַח, instead of יִחַע, יִכַח, יִכַח, יִכַח. We also find at the present day in Egypt the forms *yḥaf*, *yḥa'*, *yḥal*, and *yakif*, *yakī*, but they are comparatively rare.

Let us glance now at Hebrew. Here one form of the imperfect is represented by יִחַח, יִכַח, יִכַח, יִכַח, apparently identical with the normal Arabic تَحِد, تَحِد. The *a* was weakened as usual into *i*, and then lengthened before the tone into *ē*, תִּחַח, יִכַח, for *tilid*, *yirid*. A form like יִכַח is against Arabic rule; and forms like יִכַח, יִכַח, show that the *ay* was retained in the 2nd syllable before the tone, which has led some to think that it might have a diphthongal origin. They would derive יִכַח, יִכַח, from יִכַח, יִכַח, according to the dialectical Arabic يَحِد, يَحِد. Another form of the Hebrew imperfect is represented by יִכַח, יִכַח (as well as יִכַח).

Here we have, no doubt, the dialectical Arabic يَحِد, يَحِد. The original *a* of the 1st syllable became *i*, and this worked the change of *w* into *y*. In one word, יִכַח, the imperfect יִכַח resembles in form the vulgar Arabic يَحِد. We may consider it as the last weakening of an original יִכַח, יִכַח.

Passing on to the Aramaic dialects, we find in Syriac the imperfect written with an *ālah*, נִלַח, נִלַח. It seems to me that the original pronunciation was *nālād*, *nātrāth*, as in the dial-

¹ [But comp. p. 180.]

tical Arabic *يَا جَع*, *يَا جَل*; and that *ā* was weakened into *ē* (for which we have abundant analogies), whence the Eastern forms *نَجَّ*, *نَجَل*. Others think, however, that this form arose by assimilation of the verbs *نَجَّ* and *نَجَل*, such as *نَجَّ*, *نَجَل*.

The Western Syrians weakened the *ē* still further into *i*, *نَجَّ*, *نَجَل*, as in the verbs *نَجَّ*, *نَجَل*. In Mandaitic the first syllable has *i*, probably *ē*, as *עראב*, "I give," *ניקאר*, *ניקאר* or *ניקור*; *ניקור* and *תידורל*, from *ערל* = *ילד*. These forms with *u* in the second syllable are remarkable.

Let us next examine the imperative mood.

In Ethiopic, where the initial *w* is lost in the subjunctive, it also disappears in the imperative. We occasionally find such forms as *ወቅር*: or *ወቀር*: "hew, cut out," *ወገር*: "pelt, stone"; but the usual ones are *ቅር*: or *ቀር*:, *ገር*: or *ገር*:, *ፈር*:, *ሀብ*:, *ቁለ*:: In Arabic, all verbs that lose the *w* in the imperfect, also drop it in the imperative; hence *هَبْ*, *قَع*, *رَد*, *رَث*, *عَد*. In those that retain the *w*, it is necessarily changed, on account of the prosthetic vowel, into a letter of prolongation; *اِجَلْ* for *اَوْجَلْ* from *اَوْجَلْ* for *اَوْضَوْ* from *اَوْضَوْ*. The vulgar form of the present day in Egypt is *akaf*, *akal*, *akā*, *akūn*, *akid*; more rarely *kaf*, *kā*, *kal*, or *kif*.

In Hebrew the forms waver somewhat: *שֶׁב*, *יֵר*, *צֵא*, *יֵצ*; but perhaps *יֵר* (Judg. v. 13). On the other hand, *יֵרָה*, *יֵרָא*, *יֵרָשׁ* (Deut. xxxiii. 23) but also *יֵרֶשׁ* and *יֵרֶשׁ*, and even *יֵצַק* as well as *יֵצַק* "pour." In Syriac, on the contrary, the initial letter is retained in the imperative, with the exception of *سَم* from *سَم*, *سَم* from *سَم*, and *ل* from *ل*. In Mandaitic the form is not common in the extant literature. Noeldeke gives no

examples but עָתִיב and תִּיב "sit"; הָאֵב "give," with the curious variations עָהוּב, אָהוּב, and before enclitics with ל, in the singular, הָבָא and אָהָבָא, plur. הָבוּ and אָהָבוּ.

In Arabic, the verbs which drop the initial *h* in the imperfect and imperative usually lose it also in one of the commonest forms of the infinitive, taking, as a sort of compensation, the feminine termination; e.g. ⁵لَدَ as well as ⁵لَا and ⁵لَا or ⁵الْدَ; ⁵رَدَ, as well as ⁵رَت or ⁵رُت; ⁵عَدَ, as well as ⁵عَد or ⁵عَدَا, as well as ⁵عَدَا. Precisely corresponding infinitives in Hebrew, as ⁵לָדָה, ⁵רָדָה; generally however, ⁵לָדָה, ⁵רָדָה, ⁵שָׁבָה, ⁵צָאָה (for ⁵צָאָה), for *lidat*, etc. In ⁵רָעָה the *pathachs* are due to the guttural, as in ⁵שָׁעָה, ⁵שָׁעָה. The masculine form ⁵רָעָה in Job is a rarity, and equally so the contracted feminine ⁵לָה in 1 Sam. iv. 19. Examples of the fuller form are ⁵יָרָה, ⁵יָסָה, ⁵יָרָה (Ps. xxx. 4), ⁵יָצָה. The Ethiopic supplies us with many substantives of this class, but not infinitives, as ሰጠ፡፡ ሰጠ፡፡ ሰጠ፡፡ ሰጠ፡፡ In Aramaic there are likewise a few, e.g. ⁵עָמָה, Dan. ii. 14; ⁵עָמָה, ⁵עָמָה; ⁵עָמָה is probably to be regarded as borrowed from the Hebrew ⁵עָמָה.

Passing on to the derived conjugations, I would first direct your notice to the transitive or causative *Hiph'il*, in Hebrew הִפְלִיל. The presence of the *h* is sufficient guarantee that the verb originally began with this letter; an original *h* must have yielded הִפְלִיל. The Arabic and Ethiopic have preserved for us the purer form ⁵أَفْلَحَ, ⁵أَفْلَحَ, in Syriac ⁵أَفْلَحَ, ⁵أَفْلَحَ. In the passive *Hoph'al*, the weak consonant is vocalised, הִפְשַׁב for ⁵הִפְשַׁב, as in Arabic ⁵أَفْلَحَ for ⁵أَفْلَحَ.

On the reflexive of the Hebrew *Pi'el*, viz. *Hithpa'al*, in Syr. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, I will merely remark that the prefixed syllable sometimes preserves the initial *w* from passing into *y*. So in ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, ܠܗܬܦܠܥ; whence in post-biblical Hebrew the substantives ܠܗܬܦܠܥ and ܠܗܬܦܠܥ. The Syriac ܠܗܬܦܠܥ is hardly a parallel, because in that language we have the Pa'al ܠܗܬܦܠܥ and the noun ܠܗܬܦܠܥ.

The tendency to assimilate the *w* to the following letter, which we saw in the Arabic 8th conj. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, appears in the other dialects in some other forms. In Hebrew, for instance, ܠܗܬܦܠܥ = ܠܗܬܦܠܥ assimilates in Hiph'il and Hoph'al, ܠܗܬܦܠܥ. The same is the case with ܠܗܬܦܠܥ and ܠܗܬܦܠܥ; and with the rad. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, impf. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, Niph. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, Hiph. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ. In other instances the assimilation is merely sporadic, as in ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, and even ܠܗܬܦܠܥ (inf. Hoph'al). In Aramaic instances of a similar kind are ܠܗܬܦܠܥ from ܠܗܬܦܠܥ = ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, Dan. vii. 26 [Compl., Norzi, Baer], from ܠܗܬܦܠܥ; Syr. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, from ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, whence in Bibl. Aram. ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, with dissimilation of *dd* into *nd*.

2. The verbs which are really פ"ר are very few in number in the Semitic languages, and call for but little notice. In Hebrew there are only seven or eight altogether; ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, not used in Kal; ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, not used in the perf. Kal; ܠܗܬܦܠܥ; ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, not used in perf. Kal; ܠܗܬܦܠܥ; and the Hiph'ls ܠܗܬܦܠܥ and ܠܗܬܦܠܥ connect with ܠܗܬܦܠܥ: so still Mühlaus and Volck, 11th ed., 1890. But ܠܗܬܦܠܥ like the Syriac ܠܗܬܦܠܥ seems rather to be a denominative from ܠܗܬܦܠܥ, *elebra* (so Nöldeke; cf. Fränkel, *Lehrw.* p. 273), and therefore quite distinct from ܠܗܬܦܠܥ.]

הִמִּין. יָצַר is doubtful, and may be פִּ"ו; at least the Niph'al is נִצָּר, Is. xliii. 10. The imperfects are יִצַּב, יִבְשׁ, יִקַּץ, יִנָּק, according to the Arabic form يَبْسُ for يَبْسُ; but instances of assimilation occur, as יִקַּץ (1 Kings iii. 15), יִשָּׁר (1 Sam. vi. 12), יָצַר. The Hiph'il is הִצִּיב for הִבְיַב, הִלִּיל, הִינִיק, הִצִּיב, הִמִּין, but the original diphthong is retained in הִשָּׁר, Prov. iv. 25, Ps. v. 9 (Kěřē). In two cases the form הִשָּׁר seems to be used, falsely conforming to verbs פִּ"ו, viz. Ps. v. 9 (Kěthībh) and Is. xlv. 2 (Kěthībh). The same has happened with הִבְיַב, Syr. ܠܒܝܒ; and with the Niph'al נִצָּר. The Niph'al of יָצַר is likewise, as we have seen, נִצָּר (Is. liii. 10), and its Hoph'al יִצָּר (Is. liv. 17). The latter form would be quite *en règle* from a verb פִּ"ו, because in Arabic too يَبْسُ would become in the passive أُوبِسَ, for أُيْبِسَ, the ي conforming to the preceding vowel. In Syriac ܐܘܒܝܨ and ܐܘܒܝܨ are the only words that exhibit the radical ܝ, and the latter of these has a second form ܐܘܒܝܨ, which seems to have carried the day in Mandaitic, if we may judge by the word ܡܘܢܩܐ "foster, guardian," for ܡܐܢܩܐ. The Mand. equivalent of ܐܘܒܝܨ is also ܐܘܒܝܨ. In the 8th conj. of the Arabic the same assimilation takes place as in verbs ܐܩܬܢ, ܐܬܪ, ܐܬܒܫ, ܐ, e.g. ܐܩܬܢ.

II. B. *Verbs of which the middle radical is w or y.*

In treating of these verbs, ע"ו and ע"י in Hebrew Grammar, we must, at the outset, distinguish carefully between verbs that never undergo contraction, and those which, according to my view, are generally or always contracted. To the former class, for example, belong in Arabic many verbs of the form فَعَلَ, as سَوَلَ "to be flaccid" or "pendu-

lous," חֹר "to be very white and black" (of the eye), עֹר "to be one-eyed," חֹל "to squint," מִיד "to have the disease called" (of a camel), גִּיד "to be tender and flexible"; in Hebrew, חֹר "be white," נָוַע "expire," צָוַח "cry out," רָוַח "be airy and wide," אֵיב "be hostile to," עָיַב "be weary"; in Syriac, مَعْ "be white," هَل "leap," نَو "rejoice"; and in all three languages verbs that are also לו' or לו', as רוּי, רָוַח, רוּי, هَوِي, نَسَب, رَوَّح, رَوَّي, as לו' or לו', as לו' or לו'. What principle guided the Semitic languages in the contraction or non-contraction of verbs ע' and ע', I am unable to state. I do not know why خَوِف became خَاف, and مَوَت, whilst حَوَلَ and عَوَرَ remained uncontracted; neither can I tell you why the Hebrew says צָוַח, while the Arab changed his صَاح into صَاح.

The uncontracted verbs ע' and ע' we may pass over altogether, as their inflexion is exactly like that of the regular verb. It is only the contracted ones that require our attention. And here I may remark that some grammarians of note, among them Aug. Müller, Noeldcke and Stade, regard this class as actual specimens of biliteral roots. Stade, for example, calls them *mittelvocalig*, "having a vowel in the middle," and denies altogether the correctness of the term ע', for says he (p. 109) "these roots never had a consonant ם in the second place." For my own part, I prefer the older view, which is held by the Arab grammarians themselves, and for which I think we shall discover many good reasons as we go along.

The question of the existence of verbs ע' in Hebrew has been

¹ [With the exception of verbs which have ם as their third radical (e.g. לוּח, לוּי), all those verbs in which middle ם or ם is treated as a consonant, appear to be denominatives and to have been formed at a relatively late period.—N.]

finally settled by Noeldeke in the *ZDMG.* xxxvii. p. 525, in the affirmative [as against the view of Ewald that such forms as **שׁוּם** and **בִּין** are not true **ו** verbs but shortened Hiph'als from roots **ו**]. To this article I refer you for all necessary information on the subject.

If you consult the Arab grammarians, they will tell you that such words as **طَالَ** and **خَافَ**, **قَالَ**, had originally a **و** in the second place, which has generally been vocalised; whence it comes that its place is occupied by a long vowel, which must under certain circumstances be shortened. The rules for these processes are few and simple.

(1) If three open syllables follow one another in succession the first of which has short *a* and the other two any of the three vowels, then the vowel of the second syllable is rejected, and the second radical is changed into long *a*. Hence **قَوْلَ** becomes **قَالَ**, **خَوْفَ** becomes **خَافَ**, **طَوَّلَ** becomes **طَالَ**. If, however, the first radical has *u* and the second *i*, the latter vowel, as being the clearer, generally predominates, so that **قَوْلَ** becomes **قِيلَ**; although some of the Arabs contracted the form more regularly into **قُولَ**, whilst others gave the long vowel the intermediate sound of *ü*, *kūlla*.

(2) If the 1st radical be vowelless, and the 2nd and 3rd radicals have vowels, then the vowel of the second is thrown back upon the 1st, and the **و** or **ي** becomes the corresponding letter of prolongation or long vowel. Hence **يَقُولَ** becomes **يَقِيْمُ يَقِيْمُ**, **اَقَامَ اَقَامَ**, **يَقَالَ يَقَالَ**, **يَخَافَ يَخَافَ**, **يَقُولَ يَقُولَ**. Should the final radical under any circumstances lose its vowel, then the preceding long vowel must be shortened. The jussive **اَقَامَتَ يَقِمُ يَقِمُ**, **يَقَالَ يَقَالَ**, **يَخَفَ يَخَفَ**, **يَقُلَ يَقُلَ** becomes **اَقَامَتَ يَقِمُ يَقِمُ**, **يَقَالَ يَقَالَ**, **يَخَفَ يَخَفَ**, **يَقُلَ يَقُلَ**. A further consequence of these changes is that the imperative of the 1st conjugation drops the now

useless prosthetic *alif*; أَقُول becomes أَقُل, أَقَل, قُل; or perhaps we may rather say that it never required the prosthetic *alif*, for the original قَوْل would naturally become قُول and then قُل.

(3) In the perfect of the 1st conjugation, when the first radical has *a* and the third is vowelless, contraction takes place, but the vowel of the first radical is affected either by the consonant or the vowel of the middle syllable. Hence قَوِّمَت becomes, not قَمَّت, but قَمَّت, through the influence of the *و*, and سَيَّرَت becomes سَرَّت, through the influence of the *ي*; but خَوِّفَت becomes خَفَّت, not خَفَّت or خَفَّت, through the influence of the vowel *i*, which is characteristic of the intransitive form. Where these influences are combined, their operation is of course the more certain; طَوَّلَت can become nothing but طَلَّت, and هَيَّبَت nothing but هَبَّت.

So much for the Arabic rules. Let us next study the forms of the Ethiopic, Hebrew and Syriac paradigms as compared with those of the Arabic.

The Arabic قَام stands, as we have seen, for قَوْم, خَاف for خَوْف, طَالَ for طَوْل. The corresponding Ethiopic forms ርጸ:

“run,” ጸለ: “conquer,” ለገ: “go,” ጸለ: “come,” ሀገ: “set,” ጸጠ: “turn,” are not identical with the Arabic, for the Arabic long *a* does not ordinarily become *o* or *e* in Ethiopic. The Ethiopic forms have been obtained by simple rejection of the vowel of the second radical, and subsequent change of the resulting diphthongs *au*, *ai*, into *o*, *e*. Thus *raivaša*, *sayama*, became *rauša*, *sayma*, and then *raša*, *sema*. These vowels are retained throughout the whole inflexion of the perfect, ርጸተ: ርጸከ: ሀገተ: ሀገከ: etc. The Hebrew form of the 3rd pers. sing. masc. is still more peculiar, and indeed very hard to explain. As Arabic long *a* regularly becomes *o* in Hebrew, we should have expected

קָוֶם to yield *ḵōm* as the equivalent of קָמָה *ḵāma*, and not *ḵām*. How then is this form *ḵām*, קָם, from *ḵām*, to be explained? Assimilation to the class *y"y* can scarcely have been in operation, for קָם is always carefully distinguished from קָם in its punctuation, and besides the fem. and plur. are קָמָה, קָמִי, not קָמָה, קָמִי. It would seem as if, in this case, the Hebrew, attaching more weight than the Arab did to the characteristic vowel of the form, had shortened the original *ḵawam* into *ḵam*, and then derived the other persons from this shortened form as a base¹. Similarly, the Hebrew differs from the Arabic in the turn which it gives to verbs with *u* and *i* in the second syllable. The Arab changes مَرَّت into مَات, and طَوَّل into طَالَ; but the Hebrew attached more weight to the vowels as characteristic of the intransitive form, and spoke not מָטַח, but מָתַח *mēthi* (for *mit*, from *mawit*); not בָּדַח or 'dr, but בָּדַח *bōdsh* and אָדַח 'dr (for *bush* and 'ur, from *bawush*, 'awur). These forms resemble those of the Arabic 2nd pers. خَوَّنَتْ, مَرَّت, طَوَّلَتْ, for خَفَّت, مِت, طَوَّلَتْ. In Aramaic the ordinary form is precisely what we should expect, with long *a* corresponding to the Arabic *i*; e.g. קָם, שָׁם, חָם; Mand. קָם, פָּאש "remain"; but חָם, Mand. מִית, corresponding to Heb. מָת. The 3rd pers. sing. fem. is in Arabic سَارَتْ, طَالَتْ, خَانَتْ, مَاتَتْ, تَامَتْ. The Heb. קָמָה, פָּאָה, מָתָה, בָּדָה, with the tone ordinarily on the 1st syllable, are derived directly from the forms of the masc. קָם, מָת, בָּדַח; but we also find וְשָׁבַח, with older termination, Ezek. xlv. 17. The Aramaic forms are קָפַח, Dan. iv. 30; Syr.

¹ It may be, however, that the sound of the vowel was even still somewhat longer than that of *a*, something between it and *a*, as the spelling קָמָה in Hos. x. 14 may seem to indicate.

אֲמַל, אֲמַל, אֲמַל; Mand. קאמאל, נאראת. Similarly in the 3rd pers. plur., סָרְרוּ, מָלְלוּ, חָנְנוּ, מָתְנוּ, corresponding to Aramaic, שָׁמְנוּ, Dan. iii. 12, קָמְנוּ, Ezra v. 2; Syr. חָמְנוּ, אֲמַל; Mand. קאמבֵּה, פאשֹׁבֵּה (without ו), in the fuller form קאמיון, פאשיון. The Heb. בָּשָׁע, מָתָה, קָמָה, with the tone usually on the 1st syllable, are derived directly from the corresponding singulars, קָם, etc.

In the 2nd pers. sing. and its analogous forms we find a still greater variety among the dialects. In Arabic the 2nd pers. sing. masc. is طَلْتَ, مِتْ, خَفْتَ, قَمْتَ, or from a verb medial

هَبْتَ, سِرْتَ. Here the vowels *u* and *i* are due respectively either to the influence of the last radical و or ي, or of the characteristic vowel *u* or *i*: خَوَنْتَ = خَفْتَ, قَوَيْتَ = قَمْتَ; هَيَيْتَ = هَبْتَ, سَيَرْتَ = سِرْتَ, طَوَلْتَ = طَلْتَ, مَوَيْتَ = مِتْ.

In Hebrew the form is מָתָה, בָּשָׁתָה, קָמָתָה, with short *ā*, and *kāmeš* (*ā*) appears only in pause, קָמָתִי, Micha vii. 8, מָרָתִי, Ps. cxix. 102, שָׁמָתִי, Jerem. xxxiii. 25. Before Kimḥi's time, however, even the ordinary forms used to be pointed with *kāmeš*, קָמָתָה, שָׁמָתָה, at least when the accent was *mil'el*. From מָתָה we have, unexpectedly, מָתָנוּ, מָתָה (we should have expected מָתָנוּ), and in pause וּמָתָנוּ, Gen. xix. 19, but also וּמָתָנוּ. From verbs with *š* we get בָּשָׁתִי, בָּשָׁתִי, בָּשָׁתִי (for *bushṭi*, *bushṭi*, *bushṭi*). On the other hand, the long vowel is steadily preserved in the Aramaic, not merely in the 1st pers., שָׁמָתָה, Ezra vi. 12, Syr. אֲמַל, אֲמַל, Mand. קאמית, נאמית; but also

in the second, שָׁמַח Dan. iii. 10, Syr. **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ**, Mand. **ܫܡܚܐ** = **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ** = **ܫܡܚܐ** "didst teach."

Passing on to the imperative, we find the Arabic forms to be such as **سِرْ**, **خَفْ**, **قُمْ**. But the plurals are **سِيرُوا**, **خَانُوا**, **قَوْمُوا**; fem. **سِيرِي**, **خَافِي**, **قَوْمِي**. In vulgar Arabic the shortening of the sing. forms is neglected, **كُلْ** **كُلْ**, **بِيعْ** **بِيعْ**; unless an accus. suffix or an enclitic prep. follows, as *shil-ni* "carry me," *kul-lī*, *kul-lūhum*. In Ge'ez the corresponding forms are **ሰር**, **ሰር**; or **ሰር**, **ሰር**; **ሰር**, **ሰር**, exactly like the Heb. **קָמָה**, **קָמָה**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**. In Hebrew **קָמָה** stands for **קָמָה**; but **בָּא** was originally *bā'*, for **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**; **בָּא**, **בָּא**. In Ge'ez the form **ሰር** is difficult to explain; perhaps we may regard it as an example of the change of *ḏ* into *ḥ*, and as therefore standing for *ḥḏr*; if so, then the other form **ሰር** is only a weakening of the original **ሰር**, brought about by the influence of the common form **ሰር**. In Aramaic we find nothing unusual; Bibl. **קָמָה** Dan. vii. 5, **קָמָה** Ezra iv. 21; Syr. **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ**; Mand. **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ**, but also **ܫܡܚܐ**. The verb **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ**, has **ܫܡܚܐ**, **ܫܡܚܐ**, Mand. **ܫܡܚܐ**; and in Mand. there is one example with *a*, viz. **ܫܡܚܐ** "dwell," by assimilation to the class *y"e*.

For the imperfect indicative the Arabic has the three forms **يَسِيرُ**, **يَخُوفُ**, **يَقُومُ**, standing respectively for **يَسِيرُ**, **يَخُوفُ**, **يَقُومُ**. The peculiar Ge'ez indicative may be exemplified by such words as **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**. It is only the forms of the subjunctive that we can compare with the Arabic indicative. Here then we have **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**, **ይሰር**. The verb **ሰር**; "to go," has the same double formation as in the imperative, viz. **ይሰር**; as well as **ይሰር**, which we must explain

in the same way.—In Hebrew the preformatives have usually retained the original vowel *a*, as יָשִׁים, יָבֹוא, יָקִים, corresponding exactly to the three Arabic forms, since יָבֹוא was originally *yabā'u*; other examples may be the very doubtful יָרֹן, Gen. vi. 3, and יָקֹוט, Job viii. 14. The only instance of the weakening of the preformative to *i* is יָבֹושׁ, for *yabwāshu*, *yabāsh*, *yibāsh*, *yēbāsh*. The jussives of יָקִים, יָכַף, יָסֵר are in Arabic يَقُمْ, يَخَفْ, يَسِرْ, and to these correspond in Hebrew יָקִים, יָחַם, יָשִׁם, still farther shortened with *vāv* conversive into יָקִים, יָחַם, יָשִׁם. If however the last radical be ר or a guttural, then *ā* is substituted for *o* or *e*, as יָנַח, יָנַע, יָנַח; except יָנַח, יָנַח. In the 3rd pers. plur. fem. we should expect, after the analogy of the Arabic يَسِرْنَ, يَخْفَنَ, يَقْمْنَ, a Hebrew form תָּבִיאַנָּה, and this actually occurs in תָּשִׁבֵּן, Exod. xvi. 55, תָּבִיאַנָּה (for *tabāna*, *tabwā'na*); but more frequently this form is assimilated to that of verbs ע"ע, and a diphthongal י inserted, with consequent restoration of the long vowel, תָּשִׁבֵּינָה, תָּשִׁבֵּינָה. The Aramaic forms of the imperfect are just what we should naturally expect, viz. יָקִים, נָחֵם, נָחֵם. There is however another form in use, viz. Syr. נָחֵם, Mand. and Talmud. נִיקֹם. In Syriac I can scarcely remember any but singular forms, נָחֵם, נָחֵם, though نَحْمُكْ is quoted¹; but in Mand. the plural is נִמִּיתֹן, f. נִמִּיתָא, etc., while in the verb קֹם the vowel of the 2nd syllable is rejected, נִקִּמֹן, f. נִקִּמָא. These Mandaitic forms coincide with those from verbs ע"ע in the same dialect, as נִזְוֹן from נָזַן, "sprinkle," from נָזַן, and the Syriac variation must be traced to a similar assimilation of ע"ע

¹ [نَحْمُكْ is demanded by the metre in Ephr. Syr., iii. 316 A.—N.]

to ע"ע. The verb *יָמַד*, *מָת*, *מָת* has in all the dialects *יָמַד*, *מָת*, like *יָבַל* from *נָבַל*, or *נָבַד* from *נָבַד*. In Mandaitic we find a future in *a*, *עֲדָאָר*, *נִדָאָר*, "dwell," by assimilation to the class ע"ע.

The infinitive construct in Hebrew has the simple form *קִים*, for *קִים*, as in the regular verb *קָמַל* for *קָמַל*. The form *בִּוא*, *אִור*, probably springs from a long *a*, *ba'*, *'ar*, *ba'sh*, for *barwa'*, *'awar*, *barwash*.—In the infinitive absolute on the contrary, *מִוֵּת*, *שׁוּב*, *מִוֵּר*, are contractions of *sawdr*, *shawdr*, *marwdr*.—The Aramaic infinitive is *מִקָּם*, Syr. *ܡܝܩܡܐ*, for *ܡܝܩܡܐ*; the same variation occurs as in the imperfect, especially in Mandaitic and Talmudic, i.e. *מִקָּם*, *מִדָּאָן*, *מִקָּאָם*, Talm. *מִקָּם*, *מִמָּת*, *מִדָּן*; but the emphatic form of *מִקָּם* in Mandaitic is *מִקָּמָא*, as if from a verb ע"ע.

The original form of the participle active must have been *سَائِر*, *سَائِر*; but in the contracted verbs the *و* at the beginning of the syllable was changed into *hamsa*, *سَائِم*, and the verbs mediae *ي* followed this analogy, *سَائِر*. These forms are liable to a rare contraction into *سَار*, *سَار* as *سَائِر* for *سَائِر* "armed," *سَائِر* for *سَائِر* "feeble," *سَائِر* for *سَائِر* "going about," *سَائِر* for *سَائِر* "decayed" (a tooth), *سَائِر* for *سَائِر* "cowardly." To this corresponds the rare Hebrew form *לֹאִם*, Is. xxv. 7, *בִּנְסִים*, Zach. x. 5, *קִוְּמִים*, 2 Kings xvi. 7, for *לִלִּי*, *בִּלִּי*, *מִלִּי*. The more usual form is however analogous to that of the perf., viz. *בָּאָה*, fem. *בָּאָה*, *וֵר*, sometimes written with *א*, as *לָאִם*, Judg. iv. 21, *שָׁאִים*, Ezek. xxviii. 24, 26, *שָׁאִים*, Ezek. xvi. 57, *רָאִשׁ*, 2 Sam. xii. 1, 4, Prov. x. 4 (compare the perf. *קָאִם*, Hos. x. 14). This form

seems to me to be best explained as arising from a nominal *kaṣal*, i.e. *ṣawdūm*, *rawdṣ*, *baud*', contracted after the analogy of the perfect into *ṣam*, *raṣ*, *ba*'. In the same way in intrans. verbs, with *z* and *ḏ* in the second syllable, e.g. מַת for מָוַת (*mawūt*, *mit*), לִץ for לָוִץ (*lawiṣ*, *liṣ*), בֹּשֶׁשׁ for בָּוִשׁ (*bawīsh*, *bush*), according to the Heb. יָנַר, פָּבַד, or the Arabic adjectives يَنْقَطُ, حَذَرَ. In Aramaic similar phenomena recur. In Bibl. Aram. the form is קָאס Dan. ii. 31, plur. in *Kṯibh* קִיאִין, קִיאִין, קִיאִין, emph. קִיאִין, constr. קִיאִין. The *Kṯrē* usually substitutes י for א in these plur. forms, קִיאִין, קִיאִין, קִיאִין. In Syriac only the singular is written with ܐܢܝܢ, pronounced however, we are told, *ḵatyēm*. The fem. and plurals are invariably with *yūd*, ܐܢܝܢ, ܐܢܝܢ. In Mandaitic the י is written in the sing. masc. too, קִיאִין, קִיאִין, fem. קִיאִין.—The passive participle of the Hebrew is exemplified by מֻלָּךְ, מֻלָּךְ, fem. מֻלָּךְ, for *mawūl*, *sawūg*, *l'wūlāh*. In Aramaic the corresponding form is מֻלָּךְ, Mand. ܥܝܪ, "depicted," כִּיל "measured," for *sḵyēm*, *l'wūl*, etc.

I shall now proceed to the derived conjugations of these verbs, and go through them as rapidly as possible.

1. *Pi'āl*. The uncontracted verbs form their *Pi'āl* quite regularly; e.g. עָוַר, עָוַר, "to blind of one eye," עָוַר "bend," מָנַח "lcap in numbers." The contracted ones too exhibit the normal form, that is to say, the weak letter, being strengthened by doubling, undergoes no change or only a slight one. In Arabic, for example, we have عَيْنَ, دَيْلَ, صَوَرَ, قَوْمَ; in Ge'ez ለገደለ: "inspect," "visit," ጸደቀ: "cry out"; in Heb. עָוַר "surround," Ps. cxix. 61; Aram. ܥܝܪ, ܥܝܪ, Syr. ܥܝܪ, ܥܝܪ, ܥܝܪ; Mand. ܥܝܪ, ܥܝܪ. But more frequently the middle consonant appears as a *y*, the origin of which I explain thus.

In a form like *kauwēm*, the initial of the second syllable was changed in Hebrew and Aramaic into *y*, *kauyēm* (comp. כָּוִי, הָוִי, הָוָה; הָוָה; הָוָה), whence, by assimilation of the preceding letter, *kaiyēm*, and finally *kiiyyēm*. So in Aram. כָּוִי, קָוִי, etc. In Hebrew forms like קָוִי, חָוִי, belong to the later stage of the language. In place of Pī'ēl the Hebrew frequently exhibits another formation, viz. *Pīlēl*, of which the older form was *Pa'lal*, as כָּוִי, קָוִי, עָוִי, כָּוִי, etc., for *kauwam*, *rauwmam*, etc.

2. *Hipl'il* and *Hopl'al*. The contracted Arabic form is أَقَامَ, أَبَانَ, for أَقَامَ, أَبَانَ. To this correspond in Ge'ez አርአ፡, አህደ፡, which seem to be taken directly from the simple forms አር፡, ሐረ፡, ህደ፡. Some verbs however exhibit a short *a* in the 2nd syllable, which before a final guttural may become *z*; e.g. አቀ፡ 'akāma; አጎ፡ 'andma, as well as አጎ፡; አጠቀ፡ 'afāka, "hem in," as well as አጥፍ፡; አጎ፡; አጎ፡ 'andha or አጎ፡ 'andha, "lengthen"; አጠለ፡ 'abē'a "bring or put in"; አጠሐ፡ 'abēha, "permit." Such words seem to be really derived from the old form 'akwāma, 'auwāma, 'abwē'a, etc.; perhaps with doubling of the first letter by way of compensation, as in הָפִיט, הָנִיחַ.—The Hebrew form הָקִים stands far below the Arabic and Ge'ez. The original *hakwāma* must have already passed through the stages of *hakwām*, *hikwām*, *hikwām*, *hikīm*, before it could become *hēkīm*. The 2nd pers. of the Hebrew is likewise far removed from the purity of the Arabic أَقَامْتَ, for أَقَامْتَ, أَقَامْتَ. The purer form does indeed occur in such cases as הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, plur. הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, but commonly an assimilation to verbs ע"ע is effected by the insertion of *h*, for original *k*, in which case the vowel of the preformative is usually *a*, sometimes *z*, and the vowel of the radical syllable sometimes *z* instead of *i*; as הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, and in the plur. הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ, הָנִיחַ.

הַשִּׁבְתָּם, הִבִּיאָתָם, הִבְיִנּוּתָם. The Aramaic perfect is in the Old Testament הִקִּים, וְהִקִּים, הִתִּיב; 2nd sing. הִקִּמְתָּ, 1st sing. הִקִּמַּתְּ, 3rd plur. הִקִּמוּ; in Syr. اَلْهَمَّ, اَلْهَمَّ; in Mand. ארים, אקים. In this last dialect the 1st pers. seems often to be identical in form with that of verbs ע"ע, c.g. ראשית, אקמית "I despised," but אדיקית, ארימית.—The imperfect is in Arabic أَقِمُّ for يَقُومُ, with the jussive يَقِمْ and imperative أَقِم. In Ge'ez the imperfect indicative is ያጸወር፡ ያጸደደ፡, the subjunctive ያጸር፡ ያጸደ፡, imperative እጸር፡ እጸደ፡. But verbs of the form እቀፍ፡ እብለ፡ have in the subjunctive ያቅፍ፡ *yāḫḫim*, ያብለ፡, imperative እቅፍ፡ እብለ፡. In Hebrew יָקַם stands for *ya-haḫwim*, *yaḫwim*; the jussive is יָקַם, the vowel of which is still further shortened with ו *conversive* into וַיָּקַם. In Aramaic the corresponding form is יָקַם, יָקַם; but in Syriac the form يَكْمِ, participle يَكْمِ, is admissible, and this is the only one found in Mandaitic, c.g. מאקים, מארים, נארים. These are all assimilated to verbs ע"ע, as appears from the plur. מאקמילון as compared with מאדיקילון, "afflicting them."—The passive of this conjugation in Arabic is أَقِيمُ for أَقِيمُ. In Hebrew the original *huḫwāma* would naturally become *huḫāma*, *huḫām*, but the form in actual use has been entirely assimilated to that of verbs הִנִּיחַ, הִנִּיחַ. In Syriac we have only the passive participle مَكْمَم, for *muḫwam*, *muḫām*; but in Biblical Aramaic there is the remarkable survival הִקִּמַּתְּ Dan. vii. 4, wrongly pointed הִקִּמַּתְּ in verse 5.

3. Of the reflexive conjugations with prefixed *ta*, I will only notice the *Ethpe'el*, corresponding to the 8th conjugation of the Arabic. In Arabic the form is, of course, أَتَجَنَّزَ, contracted for

اجْتَوَزَ; but the uncontracted form is used in many verbs either by itself or along with the other; e.g. اجْتَوَرُوا or اجْتَارُوا. In Ge'ez the corresponding forms are ተወጥሰ: "be agitated," ተወጥሶ. The Aramaic of the Bible exhibits יתשמן, יתשם; but also יתיון. The one form, יתשם, comes directly from the original *tasayama*, *tasāma*. The doubling of the *t* may be an attempt to compensate for the radical which has disappeared by contraction, and so to give the word something of the outward form of the normal הִתְקַמַּל; or it may be merely imitated from the *Ethtaf'al* (*Ittaf'al*). The other form, יתיון, has no doubt arisen by assimilation to the *Ethtaf'al* or reflex of *Af'el*, the two being completely confounded in Syriac. E.g. יתיון is *Ethpe'el* of יָזַן, יִזְנוּ or יִזְנוּ of יָזַן; but יִזְנוּ, יִזְנוּ, יִזְנוּ are *Ethtaf'als* from יָזַן, יִזְנוּ. In Mandaitic however the two conjugations can be readily distinguished; נִתְלִיפִין is *Ethpe'el* from לָפַן; נִתְלִיפִין, *Ethtaf'al* from לָפַן. I find however עֲתִנִּיחִית "I was quieted," which seems to be *Ethpe'el*, whereas יִזְנוּ must be regarded as *Ethtaf'al*.

4. The last form to which I shall direct your attention is the reflexive and passive *Niphl'al*. The Arabic form may be exemplified by اِنْدَاسَ, اِنْقَادَ, for اِنْدَسَ, اِنْقَدَ, imperf. يَنْقَادُ. In Hebrew נָדַשׁ was originally *nadāsh*, contracted from *nadwash*, as in the Arabic 4th conj. اِنْقَامَ from اِنْقَوَمَ; and so fem. נִפְדָּה, plur. נִפְדָּו. One verb, נָעַר, exhibits the weakening of *a* to *i* in the preformative. The 1st and 2nd persons are assimilated to verbs ע"ע by the insertion of a vowel; viz. 2nd plur. נִפְצֹתֶם, נִפְצֹתֶם, with *o*; 1st pers. sing. נִפְצֹתִי, נִפְצֹתִי, with sinking of *o* to *a*. The infinitives have the form

הַפּוֹחַ, הַפּוֹל. The vowel *o* (for *a*) is sunk to *a* in הָרֹשֶׁשׁ (Isaiah xxv. 10); and the preformative is absorbed in לָאוֹר (Job xxxiii. 30), if the reading be correct. The imperative is exemplified by רָבֹן for *hinkān* (*hinkawin*), הַפּוֹל, הַרְפֵּה, the last with irregular doubling of the *m*. The imperfect is, for example, יִבֹּן for *yinkān*, from *yankawin*, יָנוּעַ, יַעֲזֹר; יִפְּנוּ, יִרְפֵּה, with irregular doubling of the *m*.

Of the frequent and close resemblances in form between verbs ע"ע and ע"ו we have already had many examples. I may add to these such Hiph'ls as הִפְסִיג, with its Hoph'al הִפְסַן, and הִפְסִית, which latter differs only in form from הִסִּית; whereas in some other cases the difference perhaps extends to the meaning as well, as הִנִּיחַ "cause to rest" and הִנִּיחַ "lay down." Similar is the Niph'al נִפְּלָה for *namdl* (*namwal*), Gen. xvii. 26, participle נִפְּלִים, Gen. xxxiv. 22, for *namālīm* (*namwalīm*).

II. C. *Verbs of which the 3rd radical is w or y.*

We now proceed to the large and important class of verbs in which the weak letter occupies the third place in the root. In our Hebrew Grammars these are generally called verbs ל"ה, but as the ה is merely a vowel-letter, I prefer speaking of them as verbs ל' or ל', according to circumstances. Verbs ל', strictly so called, are such as נָבִיא, which pertain to a quite different class, *verba tertiæ gutturalis*.

In the *first conjugation*, the fullest form of the verbs of this class has been preserved in Ethiopic, where no contraction takes place in the perfect 3rd pers. sing. masc.: ተለወ: *talḏwa*, "follow"; በጠየ: *bakṭya*, "weep"; ለገየ: *lṭywa*, "live"; ዕለየ: *'ābya*, "be large"; ረገየ: *rē'ya*, "sec." The solitary instance that I remember of contraction is in a form corresponding to Heb. Pi'ēl, viz. ሀለ: *hallō*, for ሀለወ: *hallḏwa* ["he was"], which are both in use. The final vowel was obviously dropped in this exceedingly common word, and the resulting diphthong *aw* then naturally passed into *a*.—In Arabic the final *w* appears as such only

in verbs of the form *فَعَلَ*, as *سَرَو* "to be noble," *حَلَو* "to be sweet." In verbs third *ي* such a form would be impossible; the final *ي* would at once influence the vowel *u* so as to change it into *i*, and the form *فَعَلِ*, if it ever occurred, would be indistinguishable from *فَعِلَ*, as *خَزِي* "be ashamed," *رَوِي* "be sated with drink." Not only so, however, but verbs third *و* of the form *فَعَل* are indistinguishable from verbs third *ي*, because the influence of the vowel *kasr* necessarily changes *و* into *ي*, as *رَضِي* "be pleased with," for *رَضَو*, *سَلِي* "be comforted or consoled," for *سَلَو*, *حَيَو* for *حَيِي*. These forms, be it observed, are all uncontracted (with the exception of *حَيِي*, which a false analogy has shortened into *حَيَّ*); but in the most common form of all, *فَعَل*, the contraction, of which we found but a trace in Ethiopic, has become customary. *Tdlawa* and *bakaya* drop their final vowel, but the resulting diphthongal terminations *aw* and *ay* both pass in Arabic into *ā*, *tdlā*, *bākā*. For distinction's sake the grammarians bid us write *تَا* with *alif*, when the final radical is *w*, and *بَكَي* with *y*, when the final radical is *y*, but the sound is one and the same.

In Hebrew the tendency of the *l* to pass into *ʿ* has almost obliterated the differences between verbs *לָ* and *לִּ*. The radical *שָׁלַח* alone has preserved the final *w* in such forms as *שָׁלַחְוּ*, Job iii. 25, and, which is more remarkable, in an adjective of the form *فَعِل*, viz. *שָׁלַח* or *שָׁלַי*, Job xvi. 12, xxi. 23, Jerem. xlix. 31 (written *שָׁלַי*). Neither do intransitive verbs of the form *فَعَلَ* seem to occur in Hebrew, so that we have only verbs

of the form **فَعَلَ** to deal with. These follow exactly the same course as in Arabic; the final vowel was dropped, and the resulting diphthongal terminations passed into *ā*, which the Hebrews expressed by the vowel-letter ה. In this way the original *taldwa*, *bakdya*, became *taldw*, *taldā*; *bakdy*, *bakdā*; and were written תַּלְדָּה "hang," בָּכָה "weep."

In Aramaic the intransitive forms are not very common, e.g., in Syriac, **ܫܠܝܬ**, **ܫܠܝܬܐ**, which stand for *shaltya*, *shaltwa*, and *hadtya*, *hadtwa*. So in Mandaitic, **ܥܡܝܠܝܐ** "he swore to me." The transitives have undergone the same contraction as in Hebrew, only that the termination is here usually expressed by **ܐ**, and the door thereby opened for further confusion, as in vulgar Arabic, with the entirely different verbs **لَا**, like **سَلَا**, **سَلَا**. The words **ܬܠܕܐ**, **ܬܠܕܐ** stand for *taldwa*, *bakdya*; whereas **ܬܠܕܐ**, **ܬܠܕܐ**, were originally *hald'a*, *mald'a*. Similarly in Mandaitic **ܪܘܐ** "saw," **ܫܬܐ** "drank," **ܒܐ** "sought for" (for **ܒܥܐ**). In the Bibl. Aram. **ܐ** and **ܗ** are used indifferently.

One verb in Aramaic constantly takes prosthetic aleph, viz. **ܐܫܬܐ** Dan. v. 3, 4, **ܐܫܬܐ**, for **ܫܬܐ**. I mention this for the sake of calling attention to the same phenomenon in vulgar Arabic (Spitta, p. 232), e.g. *ihkā* "he narrated," *isḵā* "he gave water," *irmā* "he threw or pelted."

The 3rd pers. sing. fem. must of course originally have been, as in Ethiopic, **ተለወተ**: *taldwat*, **ተለወተ**: *bakdyat*. (The contracted **ܬܠܕܐ**: *hallō* [*infra*, p. 271] admits of a contracted **ܬܠܕܐ**: *hallōt*, for **ܬܠܕܐ**: *halldwat*.) In Arabic and Aramaic the intransitives are regular in formation, **رَضِيَ**, **خَزَيْتَ**, **حَلَوْتُ**; Syr. **ܦܠܝܬ**, for *shaliyat*, *shaliwat*; Mand. **ܡܝܫܝܐܬ** "arrived," **ܡܝܫܝܐܬ** "became dense or firm"; vulgar Arabic of Egypt, *mishiyet* "she went," from *mishit*, or more commonly *mishyet*, *bikyet*, *nisyet*, *ridyet*. In the Targûms the punctuation is **ܡܫܝܐܬ**, **ܡܫܝܐܬ**, but this I consider doubtful. But the transitives undergo contraction: *galdwat* or *galdyat* becomes in Aramaic *galāt*, which appears in

Biblical Aramaic as **מָטַת**, **הָוַת**, **רָבַת**, **עָדַת**; the form with *pathach*, though equally common, seems to be less correct, e.g. **הָוַת**, **מָחַת**, **מָטַת**, **עָנַת**; in Syr. as **ܡܬܬ**, **ܚܘܬ**; in Mand. as **ܡܬܬ**, **ܚܘܬ** (for **ܚܬܬ**); in the Talmûd as **הָוַת**, **חָוַת**, or more commonly **הוּא**, **הוּא**, **אֲתָא**, where the *ʾ* must be a trace either of the lost radical or of the evanishing final soft *t*, which wholly disappears in Mandaitic before enclitics, as **עֲמַאלָה**, "she swore to him." In Arabic the same contraction takes place, but the Arab has a certain dislike to a long vowel in a shut syllable, and has consequently shortened *at* into *at*, **جَلَّتْ**, **جَلَّتْ**, for **جَلَّتْ**, **رَمَتْ**, and these for **جَلَّتْ** or **جَلَّتْ** and **رَمَتْ**. In Hebrew, according to the analogy of **קָמְלָה** for **קָמְלָה**, we should expect the 3rd pers. sing. fem. to be **גָּלְיָה** (for **גָּלְיָה**), and this form is actually once found, with the older accentuation in pause, viz. **חָסְיָה**, Ps. lvii. 2. More frequently, however, the Hebrew takes the same course as the Arabic, and contracts the original *galdyat* into *galdt*, whence with suffix-pronouns in sundry derived conjugations, **צִוְּהֵנוּ**, Ruth iii. 6, **בָּלְהֵנוּ**, Zach. v. 4, **רָמְהֵנוּ**, Prov. vii. 21. But in pause the vowel is slightly lengthened, **עֲשִׂינִי** Job xxxiii. 4, **רָאִיתִי** Job xlii. 5, **חִיִּיתִי**, Ps. xcix. 50, **כָּפַרְתִּי** Ps. xlv. 16; and so also in the separate form **עָשָׂה** Lev. xxv. 21, **הָיָה** 2 Kings ix. 37 *hāthāh*, Siloam inscription l. 3, and from derived conjugations **הִרְצֵה**, Lev. xxvi. 34, **הִלָּאָה** (in pause), Ezek. xxiv. 12, **הִנָּלָה**, Jerem. xiii. 19. Far more frequently, however, the Hebrew uses separately the form **עֲשִׂתָּה**, **רָאִיתָה**, in pause **עֲשִׂתָּה**, **רָאִיתָה**. Herein there is no great mystery. The language had got accustomed to the form **קָמְלָה**, and as the old **עָשָׂה** (for **עָשִׂיתָ**) was no longer perspicuous and intelligible, the usual termination **הָ**

was once more appended to it. We ourselves do much the same thing when we say *thou lovest*, with a double pronominal termination, to distinguish this form externally from *he loves* or *loveth*. It is curious, however, to observe the Mandaite using a similar form when he connects the verb with an enclitic, as הִנָּאֲתֵאלָהּ, "it pleased him," גִּלְאֲתֵאלְכֹן, "she revealed to you," אֲתֵאלְתֵאלֹן, "she came to them." Here הִנָּאֲתֵאלָהּ etc. stand for הִנָּאֲתֵאלָהּ etc., the final *t* having disappeared as in the ordinary נִפְלֵאלָהּ or נִפְלֵאלָהּ, "she fell," compared with the separate נִפְלֵאלָת.

On the 3rd pers. dual, which occurs only in Arabic, I will merely remark that the masc. form is uncontracted, نَدَوَا, حَلَوَا; whereas the fem. is directly derived from the contracted singular. The form in use is رَمَتَا, جَلَتَا, not, as we should have expected, رَمَاتَا, جَلَاتَا, though these latter are said to occur dialectically. The ear having once got accustomed to رَمَت, the dual was naturally taken from this form, as was قَتَلَتَا from قَتَلَت.

The 3rd pers. plur. masc. requires a little more explanation. Reverting to the Ethiopic, we find in use the uncontracted ተለዉ: *taldwū*, በሐድ: *bakdyū*, ዕብሐ: *'dbyū*; to which correspond in Hebrew the pausal הָסִיךְ, Deut. xxxii. 37, נָפְטִיךְ, Num. xxiv. 6, יִרְתִּיךְ, Is. xxi. 14, Jerem. xii. 9; and so too probably, though out of pause, Ps. lxxiii. 2, נָפְטִיךְ רִנְגִלִי (for נָפְטִיךְ נָטִיךְ *ketibh*), and Prov. xxvi. 7, [where some copies read] דָּלִיךְ שִׁקִּים מִפֶּסֶחַ (for [the Massoretic] דָּלִיךְ = דָּלִיךְ). More usually, however, contraction takes place in Arabic, Hebrew and Aramaic. In Arabic the form varies according to the characteristic vowel; حَلَّوْا becomes حَلُّوْا رَصَّوْا and حَزَبُوا also become رَصُّوا and

لَحَزُوا; but a preceding *fatha* produces a diphthong, غَزُوا for ramā, but mishiyā or mishyā from mishī "go," bikyū, nisyū, ridyū. In Aramaic we may also remark a difference between the intransitive and the transitive forms: مَجِب makes مَجِب, shortened into مَجِب, but مَجِب makes مَجِب, contracted, after dropping the final *u*, into مَجِب gēldw for gēld'ū. The corresponding form in Biblical Aramaic texts is usually read with *o* for *au*, مَجِب, مَجِب, مَجِب; but also מִשְׁתִּין Dan. v. 3, 4. In the later Jewish writings I find such forms as מִשְׁתִּין, and מִשְׁתִּין. In Syriac the original gēld'ū is used with suffixes, as مَجِب or مَجِب, "they sought me." In our Jewish Aramaic texts the punctuation is exemplified by מִשְׁתִּין Dan. v. 6, in later texts מִשְׁתִּין. In Mandaitic the usual form is מִשְׁתִּין, מִשְׁתִּין, מִשְׁתִּין (for מִשְׁתִּין), but the *u* is sometimes dropped, מִשְׁתִּין, מִשְׁתִּין; this latter form is always used with enclitics, מִשְׁתִּין. With suffixes the shorter form is employed, e.g. מִשְׁתִּין "saw me," מִשְׁתִּין "sought me"; but the fuller form with *'* often occurs, as מִשְׁתִּין "saw me," מִשְׁתִּין. In Hebrew the prevalent form is identical with that of the vulgar Arabic. The normal מִשְׁתִּין (for galayū) has been contracted into מִשְׁתִּין.

The corresponding fem. in Ethiopic is *taldwā, bakdyā, 'ābyā*. In Aramaic the yet fuller form with final *u* is preserved, e.g. Chald. מִשְׁתִּין (for מִשְׁתִּין); Syr. مَجِب; but far more common are the shortened مَجِب, مَجِب. With suffixes, however, the Syriac exhibits the purer forms intact, مَجِب. In Mandaitic this form is rare, but Noeldeke gives as examples עִקְנִיא and עִקְנִיא, which are probably to be read *chzē* and *eknē* or *k'nē*, for מִשְׁתִּין

and ܩܒܠ. The Arabic, as you may remember, has adopted the form ܩܒܠ instead of the original *katalāna*; whence in this class of verbs we meet, according to the vowel of the 2nd syllable, with the forms ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ. The form ܩܒܠܝܢ stands for ܩܒܠܝܢ, and ܩܒܠܝܢ for ܩܒܠܝܢ.

In the 2nd pers. sing. masc. the Ethiopic exhibits the oldest form ܩܒܠܝܢ: *tultwka*, ܩܒܠܝܢ: *bakdyka*, ܩܒܠܝܢ: *'abayka*, from ܩܒܠܝܢ: The contracted form too is common in verbs 3rd *w*, as ܩܒܠܝܢ: ܩܒܠܝܢ:, much rarer in those 3rd *y*, as ܩܒܠܝܢ: Verbs 3rd *y*, of which the 2nd radical is a guttural, weaken the diphthong still further into *t*, as ܩܒܠܝܢ: *rē'ika*, ܩܒܠܝܢ: *rē'ika*, from ܩܒܠܝܢ: and ܩܒܠܝܢ: In classical Arabic the forms are precisely what we should expect from analogy: ܩܒܠܝܢ makes ܩܒܠܝܢ; ܩܒܠܝܢ and ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ and ܩܒܠܝܢ; but ܩܒܠܝܢ and ܩܒܠܝܢ make ܩܒܠܝܢ and ܩܒܠܝܢ.

In the modern dialects these words may be pronounced nearly as *t'lot* and *r'met*, which are weakened in the dialect of N. Africa to *l* and *t*, ܩܒܠܝܢ *gli'sht* and *r'mitt*. Spitta gives the Egyptian forms as *sakēt* and *mishlūt*. In the Aramaic dialects there is a considerable variety. The Biblical Aramaic of Daniel exhibits ܩܒܠܝܢ ii. 41, 43, 45, iv. 17, ܩܒܠܝܢ ii. 31, 34, and ܩܒܠܝܢ iv. 19 (*kēthibh*, where I do not understand the Massoretic alteration into ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ (in some MSS. even ܩܒܠܝܢ, with incomprehensible ܩܒܠܝܢ or ܩܒܠܝܢ) Dan. iv. 27, all with soft *t*, which I do not find it easy to explain; in later books we find ܩܒܠܝܢ as well as ܩܒܠܝܢ, but in the plural the weaker form ܩܒܠܝܢ has prevailed, e.g. ܩܒܠܝܢ Dan. ii. 8. Intransitive verbs of the form ܩܒܠܝܢ have of course ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ. In Syriac only the form ܩܒܠܝܢ is used; and from the intransitive ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ, ܩܒܠܝܢ likewise

with hard *t*, by way of distinction from the 1st pers. **מִתְבַּבֵּ**.

The Mandaitic appears to have weakened the original vowels most, for though the plural exhibits the diphthong **קְרַאִיתִין**, **הוֹאִיתִין**, more frequently than the weaker **קְרִיתִין** (*ʔ* or *tʔ*), yet in the singular we find only **קְרִית**, **הוֹית**, **בִּית** (for **בְּעִית**). Lastly in Hebrew the weakest form of all has prevailed; **בְּנִיתָם**, **בְּנִיתָ**, stand for *banétha*, *b'néthém*, and these for *bandyta*, *banaytúm*.

The 1st pers. sing. and plur. deviate but little from the analogy of the 2nd. In Gē'ez and Arabic the forms, apart from the pronominal affix, are identical; and in the vulgar dialects the forms are *sakét*, *sakétu*, *mishit*, *mishitu*. In Hebrew too **עָשִׂיתִי**, **עָשִׂינוּ**, are the exact counterparts in vocalisation of **עָשִׂיתָ**, standing for '*asdyt*', '*asdynú*'. The one form **שָׁלוּחִי** is remarkable as corresponding exactly with the Arabic **سَلَوْتُ**.

The Aramaic forms we must notice with a little more detail. The book of Daniel and the Targūms offer us **הוֹית**, **הוֹית**, **רְמִינָא**, **בְּעִינָא**, with *t* for *ai*; the weaker **עָבִית** occurs in Dan. vii. 19; intrans. verbs have naturally the vowel *i*, **סְגִינָא**, **סְגִית**. Similarly in Syriac, in the singular, **ܪܡܝܬܬ** *rēmīth* (eastern) or **ܪܡܝܬܬ** *rēmīth* (western); but the plural retains the older diphthong **ܪܡܝܬܝܢ** or **ܪܡܝܬܝܢ**. Intransitives have always *i*, **ܡܬܝܢ**, **ܡܬܝܢ**.

In Mandaitic the usual form is **קְרִית**, **הוֹית**, **בִּית** (for **בְּעִית**), but whether with *ʔ* or *t* is uncertain. The plural has not only the weaker form **הַמִּין**, **אַתִּין**, **בִּין**, but also the stronger diphthongal **הַמַּיִנִין**, **קְרַאִיִנִין**, **מַמַּאִיִנִין**. Before enclitics the plural exhibits both forms, **קְרַיִנְאַלָּה**, **הוֹאִינְאַלָּה**. The singular in the same position has only the weak form, but in two varieties. Firstly, the final **ת** may be rejected, as **קְרִילָה**; or, secondly, the original termination of the 1st person may be restored, **קְרִיתִילָה**, **שְׂרִיתִיבָה**, "I dwelt in it." In the Talmūd

the ordinary form of the 1st pers. sing. has also lost the final *t*, as אָתָא "I came," בִּעָא "I asked," לָךְ קִרְאִי לָךְ תִּנְאִי "for thee have I read (the Scriptures), for thee have I repeated" (the Mishnah); but the fuller form is found occasionally both in it and in the Targūms, as אֲתִיתִי, נִלִּיתִי, אֲתִיתִי.

Passing on to the *imperfect*, I will first invite your attention to the forms in Gē'ez of the indic. and subj. In the indic. the original forms must have been *yəṭṭlṭu*, *yəḥḥəy*; but the final short vowels were dropped, yielding *yəṭṭlṭu*, *yəḥḥəy*; and the contraction took place, giving as the actual forms in use *yəṭṭlṭ*, *yəḥḥ*, *yəṭṭlṭ*, *yəḥḥ*; 3 sing. f. *ṭṭlṭ*, *ḥḥ*; 3 pl. m. *ṭṭlṭu*, *ḥḥu*. In the subj., which corresponds with the ordinary imperf. of the other Semitic languages, the fuller *yəṭṭlṭu*, *yəḥḥəy*, were contracted into *yəṭṭlṭ*, *yəḥḥ*; 3 sing. f. *ṭṭlṭ*, *ḥḥ*; 3 pl. m. *ṭṭlṭu*, *ḥḥu*. The forms with *a* in the 2nd syllable may be exemplified by *yəṭṭaru*, *yəḥḥay*, which become *yəṭṭaru*, *yəḥḥai*; the former may be further vocalised into *yəṭṭu*.

The form of the Arabic imperfect is, as you remember, identical with that of the Ethiopic subjunctive; Ar. *yāḥḥulu* = Eth. *yəḥḥu*. We therefore obtain in the imperf. indic. the forms *yāṭṭu*, *yāḥḥu*, *yāṭṭu*. The rejection of the final short vowels reduces these to *yāṭṭu*, *yāḥḥu*, *yāṭṭu*, which then become *yāṭṭ*, *yāḥḥ*, *yāṭṭ*. The subjunctive differs from the indic. only in its final vowel *a*, instead of *u*; but as the combinations *uwa* and *iya* do not undergo contraction, the forms in use are *yāṭṭuwa*, *yāḥḥiya*; whereas the combination

aya becomes first *ay* and then *a*, *yāṭṭa*, which is therefore indistinguishable from the indic. The corresponding vulgar forms are *yimshṭ* and *yirḥḥ*. The 3rd Arabic form, the jussive, is marked in the regular verb by the absence of any final vowel, *yāṭṭ*. Hence in verbs 3rd *و* and *ي* the original form must have been *yāṭṭ*, *yāḥḥ*, which would necessarily become *yāṭṭ*, *yāḥḥ*, and thus coincide with the indicative. To obviate

this, the language shortened the final vowels, and the result was the forms *yātlū* יִתְּלֹ, *yābki* יִבְּכִי, *yārdā* יִרְצֵ.

These Arabic forms in their turn cast much light on the corresponding ones in Hebrew. If we regard the word יִגְלֵה by itself, we might readily suppose that the final vowel *ē* was merely a dulling or obscuration of an older *ā*; that *yiglē* stood for *yiglā*, just as *פָּה ע* stands for *פָּה*, Ar. *ف*, or *זָה ע* for *זָה*, Ar. *ذ*. Were this the case, יִגְלֵה would correspond letter for letter to the Ar. *yaghlā*, יִגְלֹ. Other circumstances, however, militate against this explanation. For instance, if יִגְלֵה = יִגְלֹ, then the 3rd pl. fem. ought to be הִגְלֹנָה = יִגְלֹנָה, for *yagluwna*, whereas the form in use is הִגְלֵנָה. And how about יִבְּכִי = יִבְּכָה, and

יִחְיֵה = יִחְיִי *yahyd*? It would seem therefore that in verbs of this class the vowel *a* gained the upper hand in Hebrew as the characteristic vowel of the 2nd syllable; and final *w* everywhere gave place to *y*; so that the oldest Hebrew forms were *yaglay*, *yabkay*, most nearly resembling the Arabic *yārdā* يَرْدَا for *yarday*, for the *alif maḳṣūra* of the Arabic is represented in Hebrew by the termination הֶה. In the jussive this vowel would naturally be shortened to the utmost, whence such words are יִרְדֵּי, יִבְּכֵי, יִחְיֵי. In course of time, however, as the final letter became absolutely vowelless, a difficulty would be experienced in the utterance of the two consecutive consonants. Words like יִרְדֵּי, יִבְּכֵי, יִחְיֵי, were unpronounceable by the Hebrew organs, and a supplementary or furtive vowel had to be introduced to facilitate their utterance. Hence such forms as יִרְדֵּי, יִבְּכֵי, יִחְיֵי (with hard ר), יִרְדֵּי, יִבְּכֵי, יִחְיֵי. In יִרְדֵּי and יִחְיֵי, the jussives יִרְדֵּי and יִחְיֵי became יִרְדֵּי and יִחְיֵי,

just like the similar nominal forms עָנִי, בָּכִי, for עָנִי, בָּכִי. A trace of the original α of the first syllable remains, both in verb and noun, in the pausal forms יָחִי, יָהִי, בָּכִי, for the original יָחִי, יָהִי, בָּכִי.

In Aramaic the same form is dominant as in Hebrew, the imperfect being usually of the forms יִבְנֶה or יִבְנֵא, Mand. נִבְנָה, Mand. Very remarkable is לְהוֹיָא or לְהוֹיָה in Ezra and Daniel, with the plur. masc. לְהוֹיָן and fem. לְהוֹיָן. The verb וְסָל has also in Syriac a shorter form וְסָל for the common וְסָל, and in Mand. Noeldeke gives נִהוֹיָא or לְהוֹיָא as well as נִהוֹיָא or לְהוֹיָא. Similar varieties occur in Samaritan, יָהִי, and in Talmudic, לְהוֹיָא and נָהִי. In Syriac too the verb מִבָּל, "to live," contracts its imperf. into נִבְלָא or בִּנְלָא (for נִבְלָא), but in Mand. this does not seem to be the case (נִהוֹיָא).

The contractions which the augmented persons of the imperfect undergo, I will illustrate by the 2nd pers. sing. fem. and the 3rd pers. plural.

In Ethiopic no contraction takes place: the 2nd pers. sing. fem. is *ä'tälwät, ä'bäkwät*; *ä'tälwät, ä'bäkwät, ä'sfidwät*; the 3rd pers. plur. masc. *yä'tälwät, f. -wät, yä'bäkwät, -äy*; *yä'tälwät -wät, yä'bäkwät -äy*.

In the other dialects these forms are more or less contracted.

In Arabic the 2nd pers. sing. fem. is, for example, تَجْلِينَ from رَمَى. In the former case, تَجْلِينَ stands for *taglurwätna*; in the latter, تَرْمِينَ stands for *tarmiyyätna*. A verb like رَضِيَ gives the form تَرْضَيْنَ, for *tardayätna*. The vulgar forms are *timsät, tirdät*. The corresponding Hebrew forms are תַּעֲשֶׂינָּה, תַּעֲשֶׂינָּה, תַּעֲשֶׂינָּה, תַּעֲשֶׂינָּה. Here תַּעֲשֶׂינָּה stands for

ta'saytn, tibkt for *tabkayt*, etc. The Syriac has the advantage over the Hebrew in having the vowel *ē* instead of the weaker *i*,

ܬܒܟܝܬ for *tabkaytn*.

The 3rd pers. plur. masc. in Arabic has the forms يَجْلُونَ, يَرْضُونَ, يَرْمُونَ. The first of these is contracted from *yagluwūna*, the second from *yarmiyūna*, the third from *yardayūna*. The vulgar forms are *yimshū, yirdū*. The corresponding Hebrew form occurs not unfrequently in its uncontracted shape, יִאֲתִיּוּן, יִשְׁלִיּוּ, יִרְדּוּ; without final *n*, יִאֲתִיּוּ, יִשְׁלִיּוּ; with a weaker vowel in the 2nd syllable, יִרְבִּין Deut. viii. 13, יִרְוּ Ps. xxxvi. 9. These stand for *yabkayūna, yarbayūna*, etc. More frequently, however, a still further change takes place: יִרְבִּין becomes יִרְבֵּן. Hence יִעֲשֶׂה, יִעֲשֶׂה; יִהְיֶה, יִהְיֶה; יִחַד, יִחַד; יִבְנוּ, יִבְנוּ.

In Syriac the masc. form is ܢܡܪܝܢܐ, according to the Eastern pronunciation, for *narmayūn*; the Westerns weaken the vowel of the 2nd syllable to *i*, ܢܡܪܝܢܐ. The corresponding Mand. form is written ܢܝܚܘܢ, ܢܝܚܘܢ; with an enclitic, ܢܝܚܘܢܐ; and in Biblical Chaldee we also find ܢܝܚܘܢ, ܢܝܚܘܢ.

The 3rd pers. plur. fem. in Arabic is يَرْضَيْنَ, يَجْلُونِ; the first of which, according to the norm يَجْلُوْنَ, stands for *yagluwūna*, the second for *yarmiyūna*, the third for *yardayūna*. The corresponding Hebrew form is תִּבְכֶּינָה, תִּרְמֶינָה, תִּשְׁלֶינָה, for *ta'sayna, talṣayna, tabkayna*. The Aramaic preserves here an older shape than the other dialects, and does not contract. In Jewish Aramaic we have ܠܪܝܢܐ, ܠܪܝܢܐ Dan. v. 16; in Syriac ܢܡܪܝܢܐ; in Mand. ܢܝܒܝܢܐ or ܢܝܒܝܢܐ, corresponding very closely to the Ethiopic subjunctive *yēbbāyān, yēbbāyān*.

Passing on to the imperative, we find the minimum of contraction in the Ethiopic where the masc. sing. is ܐܬܠܐ (for *āṭlāw*),

f. *ʔlʔwt*, pl. m. *ʔlʔwt*; *bkt* (for *bktʔ*), f. *bktʔt*, pl. m. *bktʔt*; *ʔbai* (for *ʔbay*), f. *ʔbdʔt*, pl. m. *ʔbdʔt*; *ʔʔau* or *ʔʔu* (for *ʔʔaw*), f. *ʔʔwt*, pl. m. *ʔʔwt*. In Arabic the 3rd radical has altogether

disappeared, as in the jussive, and only a vowel remains: *ʔl*

uglu for *ugluw*, *ʔrm* *irmi* for *irmiy*, *ʔrdʔ* *irda* for *irday* or *irdʔ*.

The vulgar forms have the long vowels, *imshī*, *irdʔ*. The different persons undergo contraction precisely as in the imperfect.

For instance the feminines of the above words are *ʔlʔt* for

ugluwt, *ʔrmt* for *irmiyt*, and *ʔrdʔt* for *irdayt*; their

plurals masc., *ʔlʔt* for *ugluwt*, *ʔrmt* for *irmiyt*, and

ʔrdʔt for *irdayt*. The vulgar forms are: fem. *imshī*, *irdʔ*;

plur. *imshī*, *irdʔ*. In Hebrew the termination of the imperat. sing. masc. is substantially the same as that of the imperfect, but

with a slight lengthening of the vowel, *gʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*, for *gʔlai*, etc. This lengthening is sometimes found in the im-

perfect, especially in pause and with a jussive sense; as *ʔlʔ* Gen. xli. 33, *ʔlʔ* Is. lxiv. 3, *ʔlʔ* Jerem. xvii. 17. The

sing. fem. is *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*, for *gʔlʔt*, and that for *gʔlayt*. The

plur. masc. is found in the oldest form *ʔlʔlʔ* in such words as

ʔlʔ and *ʔlʔ*; but far more common are words like *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*,

ʔlʔ, for *biklʔt*, etc. The corresponding fem. is exempli-

fied by *ʔlʔ*, Cant. iii. 11, for *reʔayna*, in Arabic *ʔlʔ* *rainā*. In

Syriac we find a very few imperatives with the original diphthong in the 2nd syllable, e.g. *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*; and in the

Targūms the punctuation with *ʔ* occurs, *ʔlʔ*; but generally

speaking, in Aramaic the sound of *ʔ* prevails. So in Dan. ii. 4,

ʔlʔ; in Syr. *ʔlʔ*, *ʔlʔ*; in Mand. *ʔlʔ*. The

fem. and plurals retain more of the ancient forms than in Hebrew.

Thus the fem. sing. in Syriac is ܐܢܬܝܢ ; in Mand. ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, and in the Talmūd ܩܪܝܐ "rejoice," ܩܒܝܐ "get thyself paid." Hence it appears that the fem. form ܩܪܝܐ in the Targūms is to be read ܩܪܝܐ (and not ܩܪܝܐ, as indeed we might infer from the variant ܩܪܝܐ (for ܩܪܝܐ). The plural masc. in Syriac is ܐܢܬܝܡ, for *rēmā'ū*, and that for *rēmā'ūn* ܐܢܬܝܡ. The Mand. exhibits the contraction ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ; the Bibl. Aram. the still greater one of ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ. The corresponding fem. in Syriac is ܐܢܬܝܢ *rēmā'yēn*, for *rēmā'yān*, to which answer the Jewish Aram. ܩܪܝܐ or ܩܪܝܐ, and the Mand. ܩܪܝܐ, in Syr. ܐܢܬܝܢ.

With regard to the infinitive I will merely remark that the Hebrew form ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, has lost its 3rd radical. Originally these were words of same form as the Arabic infinitive ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, where the 3rd rad. ܩ or ܩ appears as a *hamza*. In Hebrew however the *hamza* fell away after the loss of the final vowels, and the preceding *ā* passed as usual into *ā*. The other infinitive ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, stands for *galāth*, *banāth*, by contraction for *galawat*, *banayat*; just as in Arabic ܩܪܝܐ stands for ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ for ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ for ܩܪܝܐ. The Aramaic infinitive with prefixed *m* varies slightly in form in the several dialects. In Bibl. Aramaic we have ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, with suff. ܩܪܝܐ, as contrasted with the Syriac ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, with suff. ܩܪܝܐ. In the form ܩܪܝܐ I see the influence of verbs ܩܪܝܐ, as well as in the imperatives of Pa'ēl, Aph'ēl, etc. In Mand. both forms seem to occur, ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, as well as ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ; and so also in the Talmūd ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ, as well as ܩܪܝܐ, ܩܪܝܐ. There also occurs in Bibl. Aram. the form ܩܪܝܐ Ezra v. 9, like ܩܪܝܐ in Targ. Prov. xxv. 27 and

The Arabic participle active has the same form as in the regular verb, but contracted; رَامِيّ، جَالِيّ، for رَاضٍ، رَامٍ، جَالٍ، fem. رَاضِيَّةٌ، جَالِيَّةٌ، etc. The vulgar form is *bakt*, *mashit*, *raddt*,

The passive participle of the Hebrew presents the regular form *kāṭṭl*, כָּטֹל, עָטֹל, fem. כָּטֹלָה, עָטֹלָה, with ' at the end, whether the third radical be really ' or ך. The final radical is sometimes rejected, עָטֹל, צָטֹל, which some derive from עָטֹל, צָטֹל, others from עָטֹל, צָטֹל. The original *w* reappears in the two plurals כָּטֹלִים, עָטֹלִים, 1 Sam. xxv. 18, and נִסְתָּרִים, Is. iii. 16.

In Esther ii. 9 **רַאִיִּית** seems to be a mistake for **רַאִיִּית**, which is found in some MSS. and editions. The corresponding Aramaic participle has the form **פְּנִיָּה**, **פְּנִיָּה**, **פְּנִיָּה**; Syr. **ܦܢܝܐ**, Mand. **ܦܢܝܐ**; the plur. is **ܦܢܝܐ** Dan. iii. 25, in Syr. **ܦܢܝܐ**, **ܦܢܝܐ**; the fem. **ܦܢܝܐ**, **ܦܢܝܐ**. The form would seem then to be that of adjectives like **ܡܚܠܐ**, **ܡܚܠܐ**, **ܡܚܠܐ** (or **ܡܚܠܐ**), **ܡܚܠܐ**; **ܡܚܠܐ**, **ܡܚܠܐ**, **ܡܚܠܐ**; which spring from an original *katal* or *katil*, like **ܒܬܠܐ** "brave," **ܚܫܢܐ** "handsome," **ܓܕܠܐ** "glad," **ܕܢܫܐ** "dirty." The nearest Arabic equivalent would be **شَجِيح** "in grief," **رَدِي** "perishing," for **شَاجِي**, **رَدِي**, but either the Aramaic words had *a* in the second syllable, or the termination was influenced by that of the active participle. On this supposition **פְּנִיָּה** would stand for *banay*, plur. **פְּנִיָּה** for *banaytn*, fem. **פְּנִיָּה** for *banaya*, *banayat*. Lastly, the Arabic passive participle has the form *maḥṭil*, and therefore appears in these verbs as **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**. In the case of **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, the influence of the final *y* has sufficed to transform the original *h* of **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, into *ḥ*. The vulgar forms may be exemplified by **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, **ܡܚܬܝܠܐ**, which has become *māḥḥt*, fem. *māḥḥtē*, plur. *māḥḥtēn*. In treating of the derived conjugations I can be somewhat more brief¹.

In the intensive or Pi"ēl the Ethiopic form alone is pure in the third person of the perfect: **ሐለወ**: *ḥallāwa*, "watch,"

¹ [Of the sketch of the derived conjugations of these verbs there is, among Prof. Wright's papers, only a rough draft in pencil, not going beyond the intensive or Pi"ēl. There are indications in the MS. that the writer intended to add, in a separate paragraph, some remarks on the other derived conjugations; but, as these are for the most part constructed on exactly the same model as the Pi"ēl, it has seemed sufficient to refer to them from time to time, in the course of the discussion of the intensive, by foot-notes or insertions within square brackets.]

חֲלִי: *hallāya*, "meditate," חֲלִי: *hassāya*, "lie," וִלִּי: *sannāya*, "be beautiful," וִלִּי: *hallāya* "become, be," contracted וִלִּי *hallā*. The Arabic exhibits ي for و in the 3rd pers. sing., not only here, but throughout all the derived conjugations; جَلِيَ for *gallaya*, whence plur. masc. جَلَوْا for *gallayā*, fem. جَلَيْنَ. The vulgar form of the plur. masc. would be *gallā*. In Hebrew we find similar forms prevailing, viz. גָּלָה for *gallaya*, גָּלוּ for *gallayā* [Niph'al גָּלָה plur. גָּלוּ, and so forth]. In Aramaic the vowel of the first syllable has been retained intact, but that of the second has been weakened to the utmost, the resulting form being in Bibl. Aram. מְנִי, רְבִי [Haph'el הֲגִלִּי from אָתָה, etc.], Syr. مَنَّب, رَّبَّب, Mand. מַנְיָא, שַׁנְיָא for *mannaya*, etc., [and so throughout the other derived conjugations]. The lengthening of the final vowel by the complete vocalisation of the radical *y* has affected the form of the 3rd plur. masc., which is now שְׁנִי, שְׁרִי; Syr. مَنَّب, رَّبَّب; the Mand. however gives us מַנְיָא, שַׁנְיָא for *shannayāna*. Of the 3rd plur. fem. there are no examples in Biblical Aramaic. The Syriac form is رَّبَّب, shortened from رَّبَّب from an original *rabbayān(a)*; Mand. [Aph'el] מַנְיָא, שַׁנְיָא - אֲסִיב חֲסִיב.—The 3rd sing. fem. of the Arabic is جَلَتْ for *gallayat*, which appears in Hebrew (before suffixes) as *gillath*, e.g. צִוְּתָהּ, בִּלְתָּהּ, or, with slight tone-lengthening of the vowel חִיְתָּהּ, כִּפְתָּהּ. The ordinary form in Hebrew of course is כִּפְתָּהּ, בִּלְתָּהּ, with double termination. The Aramaic inflects regularly, رَّبَّب for *rabbayat*, Mand. שַׁנְיָא, מַנְיָא. The Targūms give, it is true, the forms גָּלִית, גָּלִית, but this punctuation seems as doubtful as

¹ [And so in the other derived conjugations *dīlāwa*, *dīlāya*, *tafāwā*, *tafāyā*, etc.; so that the whole inflexion of the perfects is the same as in the strong verb.]

in the 1st conjugation. The 2nd pers. always retains the diphthong in Arabic, *جَلَيْتَ* *gallaita* for *gallayta*, of which the vulgar form would be *gillét*. In Hebrew the vowel is weakened to *i*, *צִיִּית*, *פְּסִיִּית*, fem. *גָּלִית*, plur. masc. *פְּלִיתָם*, *עִיִּיתָם*, but the older *ē* is sometimes retained in the first pers., e.g. *נָקִיִּיתִי*, *קָנִיִּיתִי* and *גָּלִיתִי* and *צִיִּיתִי* and *נָקִיִּיתִי*. In Biblical Aramaic the only form that occurs is *מְנִיִּית*, Dan. iii. 12. Syriac distinguishes the second person *ܐܘܒܝܬܐ* (plur. *ܐܘܒܝܬܐܝܬܐ*) by giving it hard *t*, while the first person is *ܐܘܒܝܬܐ* with soft *t*. The former word was originally *rabbaita*, the latter *rabbaiti*, and so the reason for the different treatment of the two cases lies merely in the wish to differentiate the later forms. Whether the same rule applies to the Mand. *מַמִּית*, *שְׂאֵנִית*, *זֹאכִית*, we cannot tell; probably not, as the Targūms seem to make the difference in the vowels, *גָּלִית* fem. *גָּלִית*, but *גָּלִיתִי*, *גָּלִית*, supposing the punctuation to be correct¹.

In Ethiopic the form of the subjunctive mood of the imperfect is *ሂሏሉ*: *yəḥállu*, *ሂሏሉ*: *yəḥállu*, *ሂሏሉ*: *yəḥállu*, *ሂሏሉ*: *yəḥállu* for *-nəw*, *-lā*. The corresponding indicative, 3rd pers. sing., in Arabic is *يَجَلِي* by regular contraction for *يَجَلِي*,

¹ [In the other derived conjugations the older *ē* occurs also in the second person. In the Niph'al it is commoner than *i*, and in the perfects of Po'el and Hoph'al *ē* is never thinned to *i* before consonantal affixes.]

² [So in all the derived conjugations, as in the intransitive form of Pe'al; *supra*, p. 261 sq.]

³ [This distinction is not uniformly carried out in the printed texts: e.g., in the first person, the Bomberg editions have *צִיִּיתִי* Ps. xxx. 3 (*Nebiensis* *צִיִּיתִי*), *אֶחָדִי* Deut. xxxiv. 4 (where the same pronunciation is indicated by means of the Babylonian vowels in the ms. of the Brit. Mus. used by Merx, *Chrest. Targ.* p. 54), side by side with *אֶחָדִי* Gen. xxxi. 39, Deut. xxvi. 10 (where the edition of Sabbioneta, according to Berliner, has *אֶחָדִי*, but Compl. agrees with Bomb.), *אֶחָדִי* Ezek. xvi. 3. These examples shew how precarious are the rules formulated in ordinary "Chaldee" grammars, which for the most part are not even based on the fundamental editions of the Targūms.]

according to the norm יִקְטֹל , the preceding *kesr* changing every *w* into *y*. We are therefore surprised to find in Hebrew יִגְלָה instead of יִגְלִי . I can only explain this by supposing that it is due to an effort at uniformity. We found reason to suppose that the *a*-form prevailed in the first conjugation; and it is in its proper place in the passives: יִגְלָה for *yagullay*, Ar. يُجَلِّي ; יִגְלָה for *yahuglay*, Ar. يُجَلِّي ; whence, I imagine, it spread to the *Pi'el*, [*Hipl'el*], and *Niph'al*, giving יִגְלָה instead of יִגְלִי , Ar. يُجَلِّي [יִגְלָה] instead of יִגְלִי , Ar. يُجَلِّي , and יִגְלָה instead of יִגְלִי , Ar. يُنَجِّلِي . As regards the plural of the imperfect we find in Hebrew examples of uncontracted forms, יִגְלִיּוֹן , Is. xl. 18, יִגְלִיּוֹנִי , *ibid.* ver. 25, ch. xli. 5, יִגְלִיּוֹנִי , Exod. xv. 5; but the ordinary form is יִגְלִי , Arabic يُجَلِّلُونَ , *yugallūna*, for *yugalliyūna*. A similarly uncontracted participle is the Pu'al מַגְלִיּוֹת in Isa. xxv. 6. The shortened or jussive form of the Imperfect is in Arabic يَجَلِّ , to which correspond closely the Hebrew יַצֵּן , Deut. xxviii. 8, יַצֵּן , יַעֲזֵר , Ps. cxli. 8¹.

The Aramaic form of the Imperfect differs from the Hebrew,

¹ [In like manner יִתְגַּלֵּי corresponds to يَتَجَلَّى .]

² [Similarly in the *Hipl'el* the forms without a helping vowel יִפְתָּ , יִשָּׂא , יִנָּח correspond to the Arabic يَجَلِّ , while the forms with a helping vowel like יִפְתֵּל , יִנָּחֵל stand for *yagl*, *ya'*, as, in the case of nouns, מַלְכָּךְ , נַחֲרָךְ stand for *malik*, *na'ar*. In the *Hiithpa'el* the Jussive is יִתְגַּלֵּל for *yithgall*, pl. יִתְגַּלְּלוּ , in pause יִתְגַּלְּלוּ , 2 Sam. xiii. 6, and so without pause יִתְגַּלְּלוּ , Deut. ii. 9, 19 (under the influence of the virtually doubled guttural), also יִתְגַּלְּלוּ . The *Pi'el* $\text{יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה$ has Jussive יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה for יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה .]

being in Biblical Aramaic **יִמְחֵא**, **יִבְלֵא**, often written with י= in the Targūms; [and this *ṣṣr* runs through all the conjugations], while *seghol* appears in the termination only a very few times in pause, as **אֲרֻחָה**, Dan. ii. 24, **נְחֻחָה**, Dan. ii. 4,—a doubtful punctuation. The plural is **יִשְׁנֹן**, **יִבְעֹן**. The Syriac and Mandaitic forms are nearly identical, viz. **ܢܝܚܐ**, pl. **ܢܝܚܐܝ**; **ܢܝܫܐܢܐܢ**, pl. **ܢܝܫܐܢܐܝܢ**. In Biblical Aramaic the final *ṣṣr* is however shortened with suffixes into **יִרְחֻנִי**, Dan. v. 7, and **יִרְחֻנָּה**, Dan. ii. 11, which might raise a doubt whether א=, י= arises out of *ai*, as in Hebrew, or out of *i*. I prefer the former view because of the plural **יִשְׁנֹן**, and because the participle is **מִצְלֵא**, Dan. vi. 11, with the plural **מִצְלֵי**, Ezra vi. 10, Syr. **ܡܨܝܝܬܐ**, **ܡܨܝܝܬܐܝܢ**, which could only arise out of *mēṣallaytn* not *mēṣalliytn*. The striving after unity of termination in the same part of the different verbal forms has here been pushed to its utmost.

The Imperative has in Ethiopic the form **ፈረ**: *fannā*, **ፈረ**: *ṣállt* for *fannēw*, *ṣallēy*; fem. **ፈረ**: *fannēwt*, **ፈረ**: *ṣallēyt*; plur. masc. **ፈረ**: *fannēwt*, **ፈረ**: *ṣallēyt*. In Arabic the corresponding form has a short vowel in the singular, **جَلِّ** for *galliy*, but the feminine is **جَلِّي** for *galliyt*, and the plural masc. **جَلُّوا** for *galliyt*. Identical herewith is the shorter Hebrew form **צו**, **צוּ**, Ps. lxi. 8, **צוּ**, Ps. cxix. 18, 22, **צוּ**, Dan. i. 12, for *ṣawwi* etc. The longer and commoner form **צוּה**, **קוּה**, has arisen under the combined influence of the Qal **צוּה** and the normal **קטל**.—In the Aramaic dialects similar forms prevail. The Bibl. Aram. yields the form **מְצִי** for **מְצִי**, Ezr. vii. 25. In the Targūms you will find both **צוּה** and **צוּה**, but the former is probably correct. So in Mand. **ܘܐܢܝܐ**, **ܘܐܢܝܐ**; in the Talmūd **שני** “change,”

"remove," in Samaritan מַלִּי, in modern Syriac مَقَّص, مَقَّص, *sappi* for *sappi*. In ancient Syriac alone do we encounter a different form מַלִּי, which is probably owing to the influence of verbs מַלִּי, which would naturally have this vowel¹. The fem. in Syriac is מַלִּי, in the Targūms מַלִּי for מַלִּי; the plur. m. in Syriac is מַלִּי, in the Targūms מַלִּי, Mand. ܡܠܝܢ, ܡܠܝܢ; the plur. fem. in Syriac מַלִּי for *galladyan*, in the Targūms מַלִּי.

The Infinitive is remarkable for the variety of its forms. In Arabic the preference is given to the form تَقْلَّة, the real origin of which I explained to you before [*supra*, p. 204]; thus تَسْلِيَّة, تَعْرِيز, which become in vulgar Arabic, under the influence of the accent, *taslīye*, *ta'slīye*, *tarbīye*. In Hebrew the usual form of the inf. abs. is כָּלֵה, כָּלֵה, according to the norm כָּלֵה [and similarly Hiph. הַגִּילָה, Hoph. הַגִּילָה on the norm כָּלֵה, [and similarly Hiph. הַגִּילָה, Hoph. הַגִּילָה], but כָּלֵה occurs in Ps. xl. 2, which was originally

¹ [As in the infinitive Pe'al מַלִּי; see p. 268, *supra*. An original *gallay* (with *a* in the last syllable, according to the principle of effort after uniformity of termination explained in the text) would give *gallā*, *gallā*, but an original *malla*' (from מַלִּי = מַלִּי) might naturally become *malla*. Now, in Syriac, verbs מַלִּי (with a very few exceptions in the intensive stem, such as מַלִּי and מַלִּי) have become entirely fused with verbs מַלִּי and מַלִּי, and in the main it is the latter class of verbs that have prevailed to determine the form of the verbal inflexions. But in the inf. Pe'al and also in the imperatives Pa'el, Aph'el and Ethpa'al (מַלִּי, מַלִּי, מַלִּי) the מַלִּי form may be supposed to have prevailed. The imperative Ethpe'el on the other hand has the unweakened termination *ay* מַלִּי, in Eastern Syriac מַלִּי *ethgal*, with transposition of the vowel and double silent ܐ. Duval, p. 193, thinks that the imperatives in *a*, to which must be added a single Pe'al form, מַלִּי "come," are relics of the energetic form in *an*, *a*; cf. p. 195 *supra*.]

ḵawwā, corresponding to the Arabic form (with weakened vowel) *ḵittā*. The inf. const. is גָּלוּת, חֵיוֹת, פְּלוּת, formed as an intensive from the *Ḳal* גָּלוּת etc.; originally therefore *gallāth*. In Aramaic the different dialects vary considerably. The Targūms have גָּלָאָה [with suf. גָּלָאָת; Aph'el in Biblical Aramaic רִשְׁנִיָּה, רִחֲוִיָּה, Targumic אֲנִלָּאָה and so forth], the Talmūd Bābli אֲסִי, אֲסִי, Mand. אֲסִי, אֲסִי, which form sometimes occurs in the later Targūms, e.g. רִצִּי. In these dialects forms with prefixed *m* sometimes occur, e.g. Mand. מִישְׁאֲנוּיָא; and the same prefix appears in the Syriac forms مَكْنَه constr. مَكْنَه, [Aph'el مَكْنَه and so forth, which, apart from the initial *m*, are of the same type as the Biblical and Targumic forms].

The active participle is in Arabic مَجَلِّ for *mugalliy*, the passive مَجْلًى for *mugallay*. Here all is clear and distinct, as also in Hebrew מְגַלֵּה, מְגַלָּה. But in Aramaic a considerable amount of confusion has been introduced by the unlucky assimilation of active and passive forms. Thus the absolute singular masc. מְגַלָּא, מְגַלָּי, מְגַלָּא is, it is true, sufficiently distinct from the passive מְגַלָּי, מְגַלָּב, but all the other forms are hopelessly confounded, and can only be distinguished with the help of the context. [Similarly in the causative stem the Arabic active part. مَجْلٍ and the passive مَجْلًى, the Hebrew active מְגַלֵּה and the passive מְגַלָּה are clearly distinguished, but in Syriac the active مَكْمَل and the passive مَكْمَل assume identical forms with inflexional additions, مَكْمَل, مَكْمَل etc.]

[*Appendix. Verbs of which one radical is an Ḥ.*]

Here we must distinguish, in general, between forms in which the **Ḥ** retains its original force as a guttural consonant (*hamza*) and forms in which the **Ḥ** is weakened or disappears, according to the principles laid down above, pp. 44 *sqq.* In the former case there is no irregularity, properly so called, though the **Ḥ** exerts the usual influence of a guttural on neighbouring vowels; in the latter case weak forms arise, some of which can be at once explained by the general rules at pp. 44 *sqq.*, while others involve also the operation of the law of analogy, and the influence of weak verbs of the class that have a ʾ or ʾ among their radicals.

In Ethiopic verbs a radical **Ḥ** is throughout treated as a guttural. Similarly in Arabic verbs a radical *hamza* commonly remains consonantal in all positions (except where two *hamsas* come together in the same syllable) and the inflexion is essentially regular, though a certain tendency to soften the guttural pronunciation in the direction of و or ي, under the influence of an *u* or *i* immediately preceding or following the *hamza*, is indicated by the orthographic rules which bid us write بَاسٌ for بَاسٌ,

يَاسٌ for يَاسٌ, يَاسٌ for يَاسٌ, يَاسٌ for يَاسٌ etc. For the details of these rules it is sufficient to refer to the Arabic Grammar. Further weakenings of a radical *hamza*, involving the entire disappearance of the consonant or its conversion into *w* or *y*, occur in old Arabic in certain parts of very common verbs, or, sporadically, under the influence of metrical necessity. It is recorded that in the time of Moḥammed the people of the Ḥijāz retained the guttural force of *hamza* less firmly than many other tribes, and to the influence of the Ḥijāzī pronunciation may be ascribed such readings in the Korʾān as يَاسٌ for *yaʿtī*, مَوْنٌ for *muʿmin*¹. In modern Arabic the

¹ In all cases where radical ʾ is represented by و, ي or simple ʾ the consonants, taken by themselves, indicate a pronunciation in which the radical has ceased to be heard as a guttural; and this is very intelligible if we remember that the laws of Arabic orthography are mainly based on the text of the Korʾān, which was first written down in the Ḥijāz, and without ʾ or other diacritical points. But as regards

weakening of *hamsa* has gone much further, so that, for example, verbs *tertiæ hamsatae* are entirely merged in verbs *tertiæ* ܬܪܬܝܐ. The extreme is reached in the Aramaic dialects, where consonantal **Ḥ** is maintained only as an initial or between two full vowels. The Hebrew holds a middle position between the Arabic and the Aramaic, but there is reason to think that at the time when the oldest Biblical Books were written it retained the consonantal force of **Ḥ** much more fully than the Massoretic tradition admits. (See below, p. 284.) Of the details a brief sketch will suffice.

A. *Verbs Ḥ"Ḍ*. In the perfect of the simple stem **Ḥ** is initial, and retains its guttural force, so that the inflexion is essentially regular. In Syriac initial **Ḥ** demands a full vowel instead of a mere vocal *shewā*, and in the perfect this vowel is commonly *e*, ܐܚܬܐ, with the same thinning of the original *a* as in the fem. ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ. But in some verbs the Eastern Syrians have the older and stronger pronunciation ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ. In Mandaitic also the vowel of the first syllable is generally *a*, ܐܚܬܐ, and so too in the fem. we have ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ as well as ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ. In Biblical Aramaic the vowel appears to be shorter, ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ. In Syriac a few verbs assume in the perfect the form of verbs ܐܚܬܐ, ܐܚܬܐ.

In the imperfect the Arabic has ܐܚܬܐ, to which such

the pronunciation of the text the influence of the Hijāz was limited, and most readers preserved something of the guttural sound in very many cases where there was nothing to indicate this in the consonantal text. The insertion of the sign *ʿ* is therefore a sort of corrective, warning the careful reader to retain, in spite of the consonants, at least a trace of the original guttural.

¹ So too ܐܚܬܐ, for ܐܚܬܐ = ܐܚܬܐ. The Western Syrians write ܐܚܬܐ, and even ܐܚܬܐ, the *ʿ* before ܐܚܬܐ being pronounced by them as **Ḥ**.

² A fuller vowel, **Ḥ**, **Ḥ**, is given in mss. and early editions of the Targums and even in some copies of the Bible; but these forms, and others to be mentioned below, with **Ḥ**, **Ḥ** instead of a *hateph*, are now explained as due to transcription from mss. with Assyrian punctuation in which there were no distinctive signs for the *hatephs*.

Hebrew forms as **יֹאמַר**, **תֹּאמַר** closely correspond. But in Heb., where the א retains its guttural force, the pronunciation is usually facilitated by the insertion of a *hateph* or a short vowel, **יֹאמֶר**, **יֹאדֶב**, 2 fem. **תֹּאדֶבִי** etc. By this means the radical א may remain consonantal even in the first person, **אֹמַר**, whereas in

Arabic **أَكُلُ** necessarily becomes **أَكُلُ** *akulu*, because two hamzas cannot be pronounced in one syllable. The same contraction sometimes appears in old Arabic in the other persons, and in modern Arabic the pronunciation *yakul*, *yamur* is the rule.

Similarly Hebrew **אָמַר**, **אָכַל**, **אָדַב** form the imperfects **יֹאמַר**, **יֹאכַל** etc.; *ay* standing as usual for *ya*.

The first persons are written **אֹמַר** etc. with a single א, which probably indicates that the contraction began, as in Arabic, with the part in which two hamzas came together. King Mēsha' also writes **וְאָמַר**, "and I said," l. 24, **וְאָחֹזֶה** l. 11, 20, but **וְאָמַר** l. 6, 14. The *ʾ* of the second radical, which becomes *a*, *ʾ* in current discourse or with retracted accent, **יֹאמַר**, **יֹאכַל**,

יֹאדַבֵּר, extends through all these verbs, and similarly **אֹחֹזֶה** makes **יֹאחֹזֶה** and **יֹאחֹזֶה**; **תֹּאמַר** and **יֹאמַר**, **תֹּאכַל** and **יֹאכַל** (with omission of the א).

In all these cases the broader prefix seems to have thinned the *u*, *o* of the second radical to *i*, *e*, a vowel which the Hebrew imperfect usually avoids. Similar forms from stative verbs with imperfect *a* are **יֹאדַבֵּר**, Mal. i. 2,

יֹאחֹזֶה (for **יֹאחֹזֶה**), 2 Sam. xx. 5, *Kēzē*; but beside these we find also **יֹאדַבֵּר**, Prov. viii. 17, **וְאָחֹזֶה**, Gen. xxxii. 5, and probably **יֹאחֹזֶה**, 2 Sam. xx. 5 *Kēthibh*, with similar forms from **אָתַר** and

אָחַל. Those from the two last verbs may be mere Aramaisms; the others seem to be genuine Hebrew forms and may be compared with the dialectic Arabic **تَيَمَّم** from **أَتَمَّ**.

In the Aramaic imperfect (and inf.) the contraction into *e* (for *a*, *a'*, as in the particle **בָּ** = **נָא**, *na'*) is universal; Jewish Ar.

יֹאמַר, inf. יֹאכַל, etc., Syr. ܡܢܥܡܪܐ. But in verbs imperfect *a* the West Syrians further thin *e* to *i*; thus ܡܢܥܡܪܐ, ܡܢܥܡܪܐ are in the East *nēmar*, *mēmar*, but in the West *nīmar*, *mīmar*.

The Arabic imperative is necessarily اَمِّرْ not اَمِّرْ, اَمِّلْ not اَمِّلْ. Three verbs commonly reject the first radical, اَمِّرْ, اَخَذَ, اَوَّلَ. 1. اَمِّرْ, making اَمِّرْ, اَمِّرْ, whence in vulgar Arabic we even find the perfects *had* and *kal*. So from اَمِّرْ we have اَمِّرْ and اَمِّرْ, in pause اَمِّرْ. A similar apocope takes place in Syriac in the imperatives ܡܠܐ "come" and ܡܠܐ "go". 2. Apart from these anomalous forms the only point to be noted about the Syriac imperative is that the full vowel necessarily assumed by the initial ܡ is *a* before *θ* but *e* before *a*, ܡܠܐ, ܡܠܐ—a distinction which does not appear to be carried out in the other dialects of Aramaic. In Biblical Aramaic and Targumic, as in Hebrew, a *hatafeph* commonly takes the place of a full vowel; yet we find in the Targums such forms as ܡܠܐ, ܡܠܐ, and even in Hebrew the plurals ܡܠܐ and ܡܠܐ. In the passive participle the Syriac has ܡܠܐ, but in Dan. iii. 22 we have ܡܠܐ.

In the reflexive of the simple stem the Arabic اِمْتَرَّ, imperfect يَاتْتَرَّ, perf. pass. اَوْتَرَّ, requires no explanation. But the verb اَتَجَرَّ makes اِتَّخَذَ, and so also we find اِتَّرَّ as well as اِتَّزَرَ.

1 But اَمِّلْ and اَمِّلْ and so forth. So also اَمِّرْ as well as اَمِّرْ, but اَمِّرْ, اَمِّرْ.

2 Talm. B. ܡܠܐ, ܡܠܐ; but in Bibl. Aram. ܡܠܐ, Ezra v. 15 (in the Targums ܡܠܐ, ܡܠܐ, Numb. xxii. 35, Compl., Bomb.); ܡܠܐ, Dan. iii. 26 (in the Targums ܡܠܐ, ܡܠܐ).

as well as **اَيْتَجَر**, and more rarely a few other cases of the same kind. Similarly in Aramaic **אִתְּחַד**, **אִתְּחַד** with sporadic cases of the same kind in other verbs. The ordinary Syriac reflexive is **اִتְ**, fem. **اִتְ**, by the general rule of Syriac that **ا** gives up its vowel to a vowelless consonant and disappears in pronunciation. In the Targums this elision seems not to take place and the forms are regular. In the intensive stem the **ا** in Syriac also mostly surrenders its vowel and is elided after prefixes with a vanishing vowel: imperf. **اִتְ** for *n'akkēl* (1st person part. **اִتְ** etc. Similar forms are found, though less consistently, in Jewish Aramaic and occasionally in Hebrew, **וְהִתְאַוְרְנִי**, 2 Sam. xxii. 40, for **וְהִתְאַוְרְנִי**, Ps. xviii. 40, **מִלְכָּה**, Job xxxv. 11, and so forth. In Aramaic the extensive stem (Aph'el and Shaph'el with their reflexives) passes wholly over into the forms of verbs **ע**, except in the two verbs **הִמְנָה** and **וְסִפֵּף** and **הִתִּי**, **אִתִּי**, Palmyrene **אִתִּי**, De Vog. 15, l. 4, **אִתִּי**, where the **Ṣ** becomes **י**; compare the Hebrew imper. Hiph. **הִתִּי**, Jer. xii. 9, and the part. **מִיֵּן** "giving ear," Prov. xvii. 4. The Hebrew forms are generally regular, but in a few cases we find the contraction of **Ṣ** into **ד**, as **אִכִּיל**, Hosea xi. 4, and so in the Niph'al **וְאִכְלוּ**, Numb. xxxii. 30, or even into **ד**, **וְאִכְלוּ**, Numb. xi. 25, **וְאִכְלוּ**, 1 Sam. xv. 5. The passage of **Ṣ** into **ל**, which plays so large a part in Syriac, is sometimes found also in the Arabic verb, but in a different connexion and mainly in the later language. Thus *a'd* often becomes *awd*, **تَوَاوَرُوا** for **تَاَمَرُوا** "they deliberated together," and so too initial *'d* sometimes becomes *wd* in stem III., **وَأَكَل** for **أَكَل**. In modern Egyptian Arabic we even find *wakkil* for **أَكَل**, perf. of **أَكَل** II.

B. *Verbs* נ"ע. In Ethiopic, Arabic and Hebrew the forms are generally strong throughout; and strong forms are also common in Eastern Syriac¹. But in Arabic these verbs are sometimes assimilated to hollow verbs, or, when the hamza begins a syllable and is preceded by a vowelless consonant, it is elided and throws back its vowel on the consonant before it. This happens mainly with the verb سأل "ask," from which we have such forms as سأل, سَلَّت, سَلَّ, or more frequently, with elision, يَسَل. Similarly the common يَرَى for يَرَاي "he will see," and a few others. In Western Syriac the elision of ʾ is the rule, whether at the beginning or end of a syllable, unless it stands between two full vowels; but the otiant letter is generally allowed to remain in writing; thus perf. Peal ʾفلا (E. Syr. ʾفلا), imperf. ʾنفلأ, pl. ʾنفلأ (E. Syr. ʾنفلأ, pl. ʾنفلأ, where the subscript line denotes a kind of vocal *shewa*), Ethpeʿel ʾأفلا (E. Syr. ʾأفلا), 1st pers. ʾأفلا, and so forth. When the first or third radical is an aspirate we sometimes find forms like ʾفلا, ʾفلا, where the hardening of the aspirate represents an older doubling, presumably due to assimilation of the ʾ. In Biblical Aramaic the נ maintains itself, as in E. Syriac, and so apparently in the Targums. In the latter נ may pass into ʾ when it is doubled, e.g. Paʿel of שׂיר (שׂיר) שׂיר. So too many Syrians pronounced ʾفلا as *bayeshi*, and the verb ʾفلا forms the Paʿel ʾفلا; but in the latter case it is the form of the Pʿal that is secondary. The transition of verbs נ"ע to hollow verbs, of which we have found some examples in Arabic, prevails within the Aramaic field in

¹ See for the Syriac Nestle in *Beitr. zur Assyriologie*, i. 153 sqq. (where however in Nöldeke's judgment the case is overstated, and insufficient weight is given to the numerous instances in which the ancient Nestorian Massora (of A.D. 899) forbids the ʾ to be pronounced). All Syriac verbs of this class are stative in form. In Hebrew the only cases of contraction are ʾנא pl. of the ʾנא (if this is not rather an old Niphʿal from ʾנא) and possibly ʾנא, Eccles. xii. 5.

Mandaïtic. A transition to **Ṣ**^ḏ sometimes occurs in Syriac, c.g. **ܐܠܗܐ**, **ܐܠܗܐ** (from **ܐܠܗ**), Ps. xli. 2; but most forms of this kind are only graphical errors.

C. *Verbs* **Ṣ**^ḏ. Here the tendency of the languages, completely carried out in vulgar Arabic, and almost completely in Aramaic, is to entire assimilation with verbs **Ṣ**^ḏ. In the intensive stem of a very few Syriac verbs a final **ܐ**, though it is no longer actually pronounced, retained its guttural force to so late a date that the forms are still **ܐܠܗܐ**, **ܐܠܗܐ**, **ܐܠܗܐ** (with *a* for *e* in the last syllable under the influence of the guttural), and are commonly inflected regularly, except that the **ܐ** throws back its vowel in forms like 3rd pl. perf. **ܐܠܗܐ** etc. In Hebrew alone do the **Ṣ**^ḏ form a distinct class of weak verbs, the **Ṣ** retaining its consonantal force whenever it has a vowel, **ܡܨܐ**, **ܡܨܐ**, **ܡܨܐ**, or even a vocal *shewa*, **ܡܨܐ**, but being absorbed into the previous vowel when it closes a syllable. In a final syllable this absorption produces no change in the quality of the vowel, though it lengthens *a* to *ā*, **ܡܨܐ**, stative **ܡܨܐ**, imperf. **ܡܨܐ** (for *yimṣa'*, with characteristic *a* before the guttural), Niph'al **ܡܨܐ**, Hiph. **ܡܨܐ** etc. In the perfect of the simple stem the normal vowel is also retained in syllables not final **ܡܨܐ**, **ܡܨܐ**, but the other perfects in such cases uniformly take *ē* **ܡܨܐ**, **ܡܨܐ** etc. A similar law of uniformity prevails in all imperfects (so far as the few examples allow us to judge), but here the vowel is *siḡhol*; **ܡܨܐ**, **ܡܨܐ** etc. So also the imper. of the simple stem **ܡܨܐ**; in the derived stems there are no examples of the imperative with consonantal affix. If we compare these forms with the corresponding parts of verbs third guttural we see that the *ē* of the perfect and the *siḡhol* of the imperfect alike represent an older *a'*, and it seems most likely that the deflection to *ē*, *ē*, has been produced under

the influence of verbs ^וג. The two classes of verbs often run into one another, as may be seen from the lists of mixed forms in any Hebrew Grammar.

In what has been said above as to the treatment of radical א in Hebrew we have had to do with the stage of the language represented by the Massoretic pronunciation; but before we leave the subject it will be well to glance at the reasons, already alluded to on p. 278, for concluding that traces of a more primitive pronunciation are preserved in the spelling of the consonantal text. It is not doubtful that when Hebrew and the neighbouring Canaanite dialects were first committed to writing, spelling went by sound and not by etymology, so that א would not be written unless it was actually heard as a guttural. Let us first apply this consideration to ancient inscriptions, in which we are sure that we have the actual orthography of the first writers, untouched by subsequent correction. On the stele of Mēsha' we have רש, "head," רית, "gazingstock," ואמר "and I said," all with omission of a radical א which was already lost in pronunciation. But on the other hand we have מאתן, (ויאמר, Heb. מֵאֲתָן), צאן "sheep." The last example is particularly noticeable in contrast with רש; for while the spelling מאתן might conceivably be aided by the singular מאת (l. 20) there was nothing to help the retention of the א in צאן unless it was actually sounded when this spelling was chosen. So again when the Phœnician writes בנת "I built" (C. I. S. 3, l. 4) but קראת "I called" (Ib. 1, l. 7) we are certainly not justified by the rules of Phœnician spelling in taking the א to be merely the sign of the vowel *a*. When we pass from inscriptions to the Biblical texts we are met by the difficulty that the spelling has undergone later revision, especially by the insertion of vowel letters in cases where these were not used in old times. But א is not a mere *mater lectionis*; the rule that prevails is that א is inserted wherever it is etymologically justified, whether it is sounded or not, and the exceptions to this rule are merely sporadic, except in such cases as אמר for אָמַר, where the

second **ℵ** must have lost its sound in very ancient times. It is incredible that any systematic correction of the orthography, by the lights that the later Hebrew scribes possessed, could have given us a system so correct etymologically as the Old Testament displays; and the same degree of correctness already appears on a small scale in the Siloam inscription (רֶאֱשׁ, מִצָּא, מֵאֲתִים) against Moabite and Phoenician (רש, מוצא, מאת). The conclusion is inevitable that when Hebrew first came to be written to an extent sufficient to give a tolerably fixed orthography, radical **ℵ** still retained in most cases its guttural sound.]

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND CORRECTIONS.

- P. 3, l. 35. Since this was printed Prof. Kautzsch, now of Halle, has brought out the 25th edition of Gesenius' *Heb. Gr.* (Leipzig, 1889) with considerable additions and improvements.
- P. 7, l. 35. For 421 read 420.
- P. 12, *footnote*. Still later are the cursive tablets of the Arsacid period, some of which Strassmeier has published in *Zeitschr. f. Assyrl.* vol. iii. (1888) p. 129 *sqq.* One of these (p. 135) of the year 80 B.C. is, as Mr E. A. W. Budge kindly informs me, the latest example of the Assyrian writing of which we have certain knowledge.
- P. 17. The Aramaic inscriptions will form the second part of the great Paris Corpus. The first fasciculus, edited by M. de Vogüé, has appeared (Paris, 1889).
- P. 20, l. 10. For 1865 read 1855.
- Ibid.*, *footnote* 1. Further information about the dialect of Ma'lûlâ is given by Mr F. J. Bliss in the *Qu. Statement* of the *Pal. Expl. Fund.* April, 1890, p. 74 *sqq.*
- P. 25, *footnote*. The text of the inscription, in Hebrew square characters, with translation and notes, is given in Prof. Driver's *Notes on . . . Samuel* (Oxf. 1890), p. lxxxv *sqq.*
- P. 29, *footnote*. A substantial addition to our stock of dated Himyaritic inscriptions is promised by E. Glaser from the epigraphic collections formed during his journeys in S. Arabia.
- P. 34. In *Zeitschr. f. aegypt. Spr. u. Alterthumsk.* 1889, p. 81, Erman has indicated the existence in Egyptian of a tense precisely corresponding to the Semitic Perfect. (Nöld.) The forms of the singular and plural are as follows—


SING.		PLUR.	
3 m.	ḥbs	3.	ḥbsw
3 f.	ḥbsti'		
2 m.	ḥbsti'	2 c.	ḥbstīnī
1.	ḥbskwi' (cf. Aeth. -kū)	1.	ḥbswīn

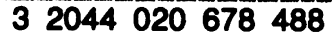
- P. 35. For the history of Semitic, and especially of Hebrew, writing the student will do well to consult the introduction to Prof. Driver's *Notes on . . . Samuel*, Oxf. 1890 (with facsimiles).
- P. 40, *footnote*. It should be stated that the quotation at the close of this note is from Prof. Müller's article "Yemen" in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. His paper in the Vienna *Denkschriften*, which had not reached England when the note was printed, deals with the Minacan inscriptions of Euting's collection, of which the dialect and character are S. Arabian, and with one group of inscriptions of N. Arabian type, which, on the ground of their contents, are called Liḥyānite. A large number of inscriptions, provisionally classed together as Proto-Arabic, are reserved for future publication. Thus it is not yet possible to say anything definitive about the history of the old Arabian alphabets; the materials already published have given rise to lively controversy.
- P. 44, l. 24. Prof. Nöldeke observes that the form derived from *sham'al*^m by elision of ^ʾ would be *shamal*^m, not *shamāl*^m. The latter therefore must be derived from a secondary form *sham'āl*^m; cf. the Hebrew and Aramaic forms.
- P. 48, l. 15. See p. 51, *footnote* 1.
- P. 48, l. 21. Prof. Nöldeke "cannot recognise the weakening or loss of *y* in any one of the three cases adduced. In פתאב the change of *y* to *ʾ* has been deliberately introduced to change the sense" [Geiger, *Urschrift und Uebers.* p. 349], "בִּלְ is Babylonian, and that בִּי stands for בְּעִי is improbable." There are, however, other probable examples of the occasional weakening of *y* in Hebrew, notably פתאם side by side with פתע. Such readings as נשקה for נשקעה, Amos viii. 8, *Kethibh*, לְמוֹ for לְעֵמֶן, Ps. xxviii. 8 (LXX. τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ), are probably due to a pronunciation in which *y* was not sounded; but to ascribe this vicious pronunciation to the original writers is not justifiable; the readings in question are presumably errors of later scribes.
- P. 51, l. 5. "In many parts of Syria *ḡ* seems to be pronounced like the French *j*"—(Nöld.). In upper Egypt one sometimes hears a pronunciation intermediate between English hard and soft *g*, but nearly approaching the latter. In Arabia *ḡ* is hard in Nejd, and soft (*g* in *gem*) in the Ḥijāz (Mecca, Ṭāif).

- P. 58, l. 4. This paragraph and those that follow it should be read in the light of p. 41, where the author takes it to be probable that the proto-Semitic had three sibilants besides *z* and *ṣ*. All three appear distinct in Hebrew as שׁ, שׂ and ס respectively; but in later times the sounds of שׂ and ס were so much alike that the one was sometimes written for the other. In Syriac (but not in the oldest Aramaic; see p. 74 *footnote*) שׂ has been absorbed in ס (ܣ); in Arabic, on the contrary, the primitive sound represented by Hebrew שׂ remains distinct (as ش), while the other two old sounds (שׁ, ס) are both represented by س. For an attempt to work out the history of the Semitic sibilants see D. H. Müller, *Zur Gesch. d. Sem. Zischlaute*, Vienna, 1888 (from the *Abhandlungen* of the 7th International Congress of Orientalists, Sem. Sect., p. 229 *sqq.*).
- P. 73, l. 9 *sqq.*; and p. 256, l. 16. Prof. Nöldeke observes that the distinction between نل and بكي cannot be regarded as the invention of the grammarians, inasmuch as it was carefully observed by the writers of the oldest copies of the Kor'ān. These scribes, he believes, made a distinction in pronunciation between اـ and ىـ; we know indeed that many Kor'ān teachers pronounced ىـ with *Imāla*. See *Geschichte des Qorāns*, p. 252 *sqq.*
- P. 94, l. 14. For ܣܚܚܐܐ read ܣܚܚܐܐ.
- P. 100, l. 17. Prof. Nöldeke remarks that to connect ܣܚܚܐܐ with ܣܚܚܐܐ appears to be inadmissible, since to do so involves *two* irregularities (Hebrew שׂ should correspond to Arabic س), and that ܣܚܚܐܐ is a mere transcription of the Arabic بطيخ. The genuine Syriac form is ܣܚܚܐܐ.

THE END.

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